

OLA, Stanislaus go for the gold

It's play-off pandemonium
this weekend as both
soccer teams go to state.

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Southern Gardening columnist
Norman Winter looks at the
'prairie sun.'

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Krewe of Selene kicks off Mardi Gras season

The Krewe of Selene's
Mardi Gras parade in
Diamondhead is set for
Saturday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m.

The parade begins at
the start of Diamondhead
Drive then proceeds to
Golf Club Drive to the
Diamondhead Country
Club to disband.

Clermont Harbor Civic Association meeting

The Clermont Harbor
Civic Assoc. will meet
Saturday, 7:30 p.m., in the
training room of the fire
dept. New officers will be
presented. Featured
speaker will be Hancock
Chamber Exec. Director
Tish Haas-Williams.

B-W garage sale Sat.

There will be a huge
garage sale to benefit the
Bay-Waveland Middle and
High School show choirs
this Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2
p.m., at the Bay High
parking lot. To make
donations call Cynthia at
493-2852 or Michelle at
463-9375.

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DAY HIGH LOW
2:57 p. 3:09 p. 1:08 p.
7:44 p. 7:44 a.
Sat. 5:44 p. 4:27 a.
Sun. 12:59 p. 5:06 a.
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Bay native a target in murder-for-hire

Man allegedly offered \$2,000, Ecstasy pills for hit

ECHO STAFF REPORT

A Bay St. Louis woman's
estranged husband is apparently
behind bars in a Kansas prison for
allegedly trying to have her killed

in a bizarre murder-for-hire
scheme.

Star Strong-Boquet, 22, said
Tuesday that she could not com-
ment on the case on advice of coun-

sel, but the Houma, La.-based
Courier newspaper reported in its
Wednesday afternoon edition that
Ryan Joseph Boquet is being held in
a federal penitentiary in Wichita on
a charge of soliciting murder for
hire.

According to reports, "the alleged
murder scheme is classified as a

federal crime because the would-be
hit man would have had to travel
across state lines to do the job."

Jim Letten, interim U.S. Attorney
for the Eastern District of
Louisiana, on Wednesday confirmed
Ryan Boquet's arrest.

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SWINGERS



Echo staff photos by Shannon Jenkins
Travis Nixon, 15, right, watches where his golf ball lands while Jack O'Neill, a golf professional from the Diamondhead Country Club, gives him advice on his swing.

HMS students getting a 'slice' of life

BY SHANNON
JENKINS
Staff Writer

Armful of eager teen-
agers with clubs
and balls may
make some
teachers queasy.

The P.E. teacher and
three coaches at Hancock
Middle School, however,
were more than happy to
equip their students with
golf clubs and plastic, neon
orange golf balls.

They even threw in a
couple of golf professionals
from the Diamondhead
Country Club to provide an
interesting hands-on learn-
ing experience for the sev-



Kell Jones, 13, prepares for a swing after a brief presentation by golf professionals Jack O'Neill and Hoppy Smith Tuesday at Hancock Middle School.

enth and eighth-graders.

Golfers Jack O'Neill and
Hoppy Smith, who help
support the high school's

golf team and its tourna-
ments in raising money for

GOLF--PAGE 6A

Doctors back to work, but say trouble may continue

Insurance carriers
refusing to cover
several specialties

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The "emergency" may be
over for now, but physicians
say the hemorrhaging hasn't
quite stopped.

Coast surgeons returned
to work this week in
response to efforts by the
state lawmakers to help
establish an insurance pool.
Several area physicians had
staged a "walkout" last
week to protest the high
premiums and frequent
inavailability of medical
malpractice insurance.

The walkout meant that
in both Hancock and
Harrison counties, several
elective patients and a few
emergency patients had to

be transferred to hospitals
in Slidell and Biloxi to
undergo surgery.

Last Friday, a state
Senate committee approved
a bill that, if approved by
the full legislature, will
begin a new state-sponsored
insurance pool which will
provide up to \$500,000 med-
ical malpractice coverage
for physicians in the state
who can't get it elsewhere.

"Hancock Medical Center
resumed elective surgeries
on Monday following the
return to work by its two
general surgeons," accord-
ing to a statement issued
yesterday by HMC
Administrator Hal W.
Leftwich, FACHE.

"We are gradually
approaching a more normal
caseload," Leftwich said.

Also on Monday, the
Hancock County Board of
Supervisors officially ended

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Hotel Reed owner wants liquor license

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Hotel Reed's owner was
advised Monday to
head directly to the
Alcohol Beverage
Control Commission
in pursuit of a per-
mit to serve liquor
in a future hotel.

Mayor Eddie
Favre advised Ted
Cain that his best
shot of success
might be convincing
the ABC that the city's "spe-
cial exception" zoning
provisions would be tantamount
to commercial zoning of the
property at North Beach

Boulevard and Ulman
Avenue.

Legally, that could make
it easier for Cain to
get the permit
because officials of a
nearby church
haven't agreed to go
along with the
hotel's permit
request.

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a liquor license, unless the
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Eddie Favre

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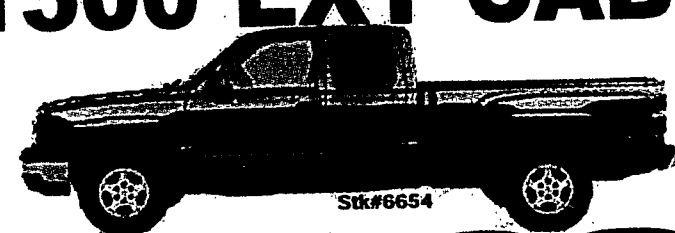
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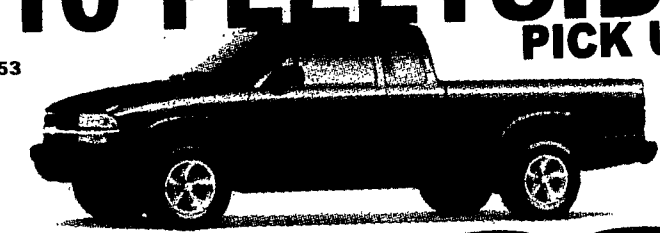
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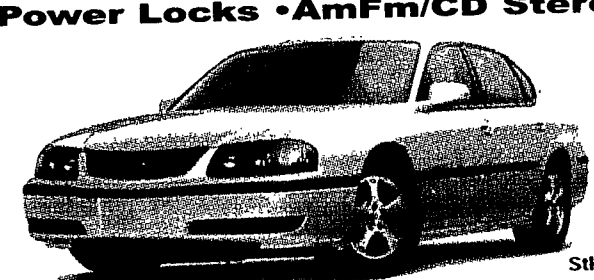
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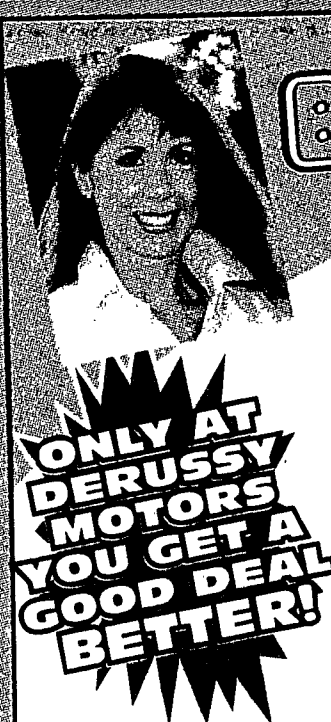
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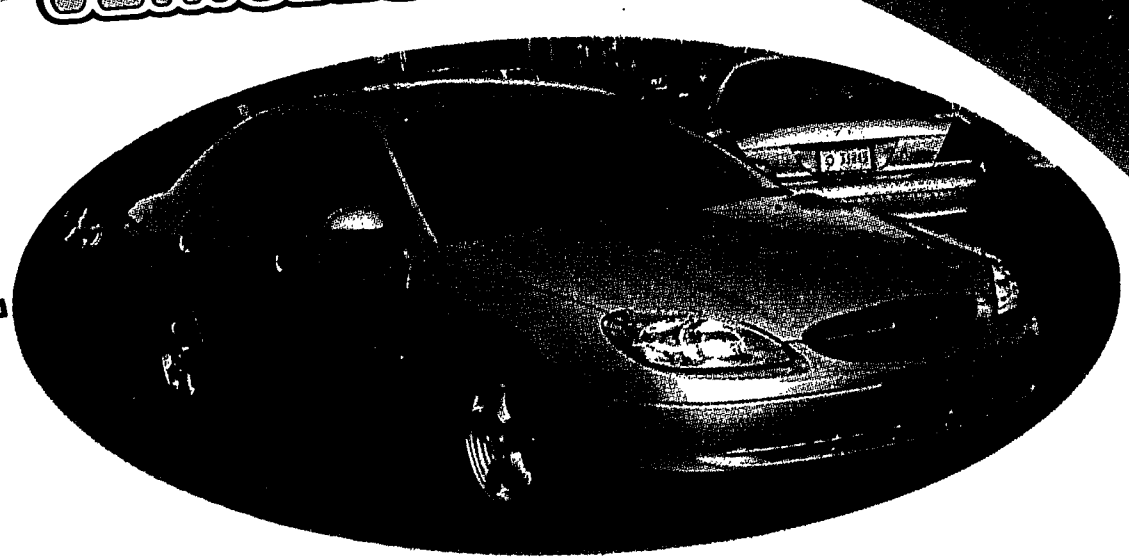
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Bay artist tapped for courthouse mural

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

If you are one of the many people who have enjoyed the outdoor mural "Promenade" as you strolled down Main St. in Bay St. Louis, then you will be glad to hear that artist John McDonald has proposed another large mural to be displayed in the Hancock County Courthouse. The mural is proposed for the southeast wall of the second floor room that has been the traditional meeting room for the Board of Supervisors.

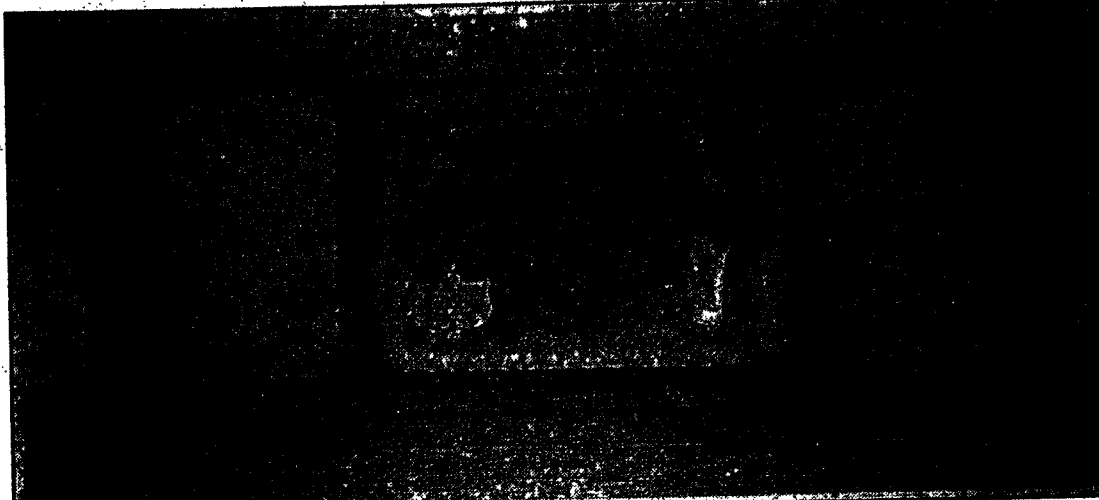
The mural will incorporate a map of the county in the center and two side panels will portray easily recognizable landscapes located in the county, said McDonald. The mural will be bordered by painted fluted wooden columns, ionic capitals (classical Greek style architecture) and wall panels that match the color treatment of the forward wall and folding doors.

The map will encompass an area from Nacaise to Pearlinton, with major roads indicated with vignettes of wildlife, landmarks and other symbols. The mural will be about 27 feet long and 12 feet high. McDonald said the mural was inspired by Italian Map Rooms of the Renaissance era.

Fruition of the project will be dependent on the availability of grant funds.

The mural will be completed at McDonald's studio on Main St. and hung in the courthouse. He said it would take about six weeks to complete the project. Of course, the preliminary drawings for the mural, which McDonald works with for almost all his creations, are already completed. It is not uncommon for him to work on a painting for a year or more, he said.

Indeed, many of the detailed drawings from which McDonald creates his paintings are works of art in themselves. They fill books and line the walls of his studio located behind Serenity Gallery. Several very large covered drawings line one wall and are a part of a years long project that



The artists rendering of a mural proposed for a second floor wall in the Hancock County Court House Board of Supervisors' meeting room.

is nearing completion, he said. Though he did allow a peek at some of the drawings, the exact nature of the project will remain a secret until its completion, he said.

McDonald is a returned coast native, born in Gulfport. He has made his home in Bay St. Louis for about 16 years now. After high school he left for college at USM and never stopped, graduating ultimately from the University of Georgia with a fine arts degree and continuing his education at Yale, earning a Masters of Fine Arts. After college he began his career by teaching at the University of New Haven.

He grew up in a household filled with art and music, he says, and both his father and brother, and various other relatives, were avid painters. His dad was an engineer by trade and instilled a love of architecture in McDonald. He also painted landscapes and portraits, and for many years now, McDonald has followed in his footsteps.

McDonald traveled extensively in Europe, even living for a while in Austria. Everywhere he went, he said, he kept a running commentary of his travels through drawings. And everywhere he stopped, he secured a space to pursue his art. And while waiting for his art to gain recognition, he held down a number of interesting jobs along the way.

In New York he worked for the Museum of Modern Art, the Rothko Foundation, and the Guggenheim, all the while maintaining a

studio of his own. But during this period, rather than his well known landscapes and portraits, he created, what he calls, abstract, non-representational paintings.

All paintings are in essence, abstract, says McDonald, because you are taking a three dimensional reality and changing it to a two dimensional representation.

"But during this period I was doing formal studies in color and form and exploring the idea of arriving at an image by an almost automated system. The idea was inspired by a book by Edgar Rice Burroughs called 'The Third Mind,' he said. "It produced some interesting work, very experimental."

After returning to the coast for what was supposed to be a short visit, McDonald found himself newly captivated by the landscapes, familiar, but new as he viewed them with a new artistic eye. This was his move back to more representational art, he said.

Every painting starts with an idea, McDonald said. But I grew bored with purely idea art. I didn't want the art to be obscured by ideas and began to find it more satisfying to work in a representational way, drawing sentiment and a sense of place from the landscape. Later, McDonald added portraits to his repertoire. For these he works partly from drawings; partly from photographs he takes himself. In the photographs he must capture more than just the image of the person; he must capture a spark within, so sometimes this

may require more than one photo session, depending on the person. The results are portraits that are strikingly lifelike, as if the person themselves were actually captured on canvas.

If you would like more information on the paintings of John McDonald please call 228-547-5178 or drop by the studio at 126 Main St.

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New Burke's store, O'Neal's restaurant coming to Bay

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

City officials issued building permits in recent weeks for projects valued at over \$2.2 million, including new department store in the former Winn Dixie building.

And plans for major additions and alterations to First Baptist Church are under review by city building officials.

Work has begun to alter the grocery store building in Zuppardo's shopping center to accommodate a Burke's store inside. Mayor Eddie Favre said the store offers merchandise similar to Sears and Wal-Mart.

A separate permit was issued to construct space for an O'Neal's Restaurant in the shopping center.

Meanwhile, officials are reviewing a massive set of plans for the church project on Main Street.

Components of the project include extending the sanctuary, building a new multipurpose building on the State Street portion of the property, building a new office, renovating the existing classroom building, and constructing several new parking lot areas. The existing unpaved lot on Main

will be paved, in addition, according to the plans.

Another major project soon to be under construction is a \$1.3 million renovation and expansion of Dunbar Village assisted living facility on Dunbar and a \$1 million renovation of the Winn Dixie in the Markettown Shopping Center. A new Advanced Collision enterprise is under construction on Highway 90.

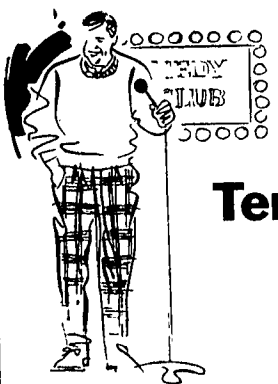
Black History Month in Pearlinton

In observance of Black History month, Friday, February 7, 2003, 10am-1pm, members of the Hancock County Senior Citizen Building will display handmade arts and crafts.

The Hancock County Senior choir will sing.

The public is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

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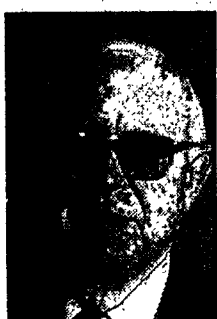
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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

On Friday and Saturday nights I was able to get together with many of my high school classmates from our graduating class at St. Stanislaus.

We had a class of 50 and it was good to see about a third of our classmates at our 50th anniversary celebration.

Ten of our classmates were from Mexico, Venezuela and other countries South of the border. At least 15 are now deceased.

In furthestmost distance attending, probably Leonard Benvenutti, now residing in California came from the furthest distance. Of course, he was raised in Bay St. Louis.

Myself and D.J. Luc, who now lives in Morgan City, were two who went from first through seventh grade at St. Stanislaus' Free Day School before moving up to St. Stanislaus.

Benvenutti and Frank Noto, who now resides in Gulfport had also attended SSC's Back School.

It was really good to get together and talk about school days and some of the interesting things which happened.

Needless to say, it seemed my classmates aged a bit, maybe I have a bit too.

St. Stanislaus always has a great Reunion each year, and hundreds of grads attended and this year was no exception.

It was great being the 'honored' class too, as we were the 'Honors Class.'

Dave Treutel, Sr., Gerald Gex and myself reside in Bay St. Louis, while Billy McDonald and Frank Wittmann live in Pass Christian and Noto in Gulfport. It was really good to get together for a special class dinner on Friday night at the Jourdan River Grille in addition to the St. Stanislaus' Alumni meeting Saturday night.

We had a great time and I am already looking forward to next year's reunion.

Mardi Gras parades begin to happen this week with the Diamondhead Krewe of Selene set for Saturday, February 8, 6:30 p.m.

The parade begins at the start of Diamondhead Drive then proceeds to Golf Club Drive to the Diamondhead Country Club to disband.

Diamondhead Drive is a great place to view a parade because of its wide shoulders and wide median. The Krewe of Selene is one of the newer parades along the coast and they had a great parade last year.

I hope to see you at the parade Saturday evening.

While on the subject of parades, registration for entrants in the Krewe of Hancock which follows the Nereids Parade on Sunday, February 23, are now being accepted. Anyone interested in entering the parade can obtain an application from the Chamber of Commerce's office in Bay St. Louis.

There is no entry fee, but participants must show proof of insurance before riding.

For more information, contact Janette Handshoe at 831-5689, or Doloris Richmond at 467-9057.

Registration now continues for the Girls Bay Dixie Fastpitch Softball League at McDonald Field on Saturdays in February from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. McDonald Field is located at the intersection of Ulman and Dunbar Avenues.

This will be a great year for the Bay Dixie Fastpitch Softball League as they will be the sponsor for the World Series of the 2003 Ponytail Division by Dixie Girls Fast Pitch Softball, Inc., tournament at the Bay St. Louis' Athletic Drive Sports Complex August 1-8. This will be for the 11-12 year old female softball players from 12 southeastern states.

You will be hearing more about the World Series as the time nears.

Musgrove and the legislature are finally working together – now *that's* progress

Progress. It comes slowly, if ever, in the Mississippi Legislature.

That's why last week's passage of an omnibus \$2.35 billion (yes, BIL-LION) appropriation package to fund every state education program in one fell swoop from kindergarten to higher education was such a landmark legislative achievement.

Of course, the fact that the package increased by \$235 million the amount the various education entities expected to get from state budgeters

was joyously hailed in education circles.

But the historical significance was that all education money was not only done early in the session, but was appropriated in an omnibus package, not broken up into many separate bills dribbled out over many weeks.

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, not noted for having lawmakers buy into his legislative ideas, scored big on this one.

In his Jan. 7 "state of the state" address he pushed for

combining all education funding—from kindergarten through colleges—in an omnibus bill and passing it by Jan. 31. Though not many lawmakers will admit it, they realized Musgrove had a good idea, and they hit his Jan. 31 target.

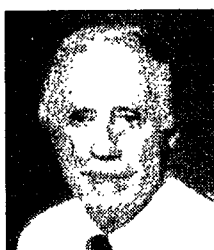
"It was precedent setting," said House Appropriations Chairman Charlie Capps after the omnibus education package cleared the Legislature last week. An old hand at being deluged in a torrent of separate spending bills, Capps said "I think we did the right thing and I'm proud of it."

The veteran Democratic lawmaker from Cleveland

also was willing to give the governor some credit. "He brought it to fruition," Capps said.

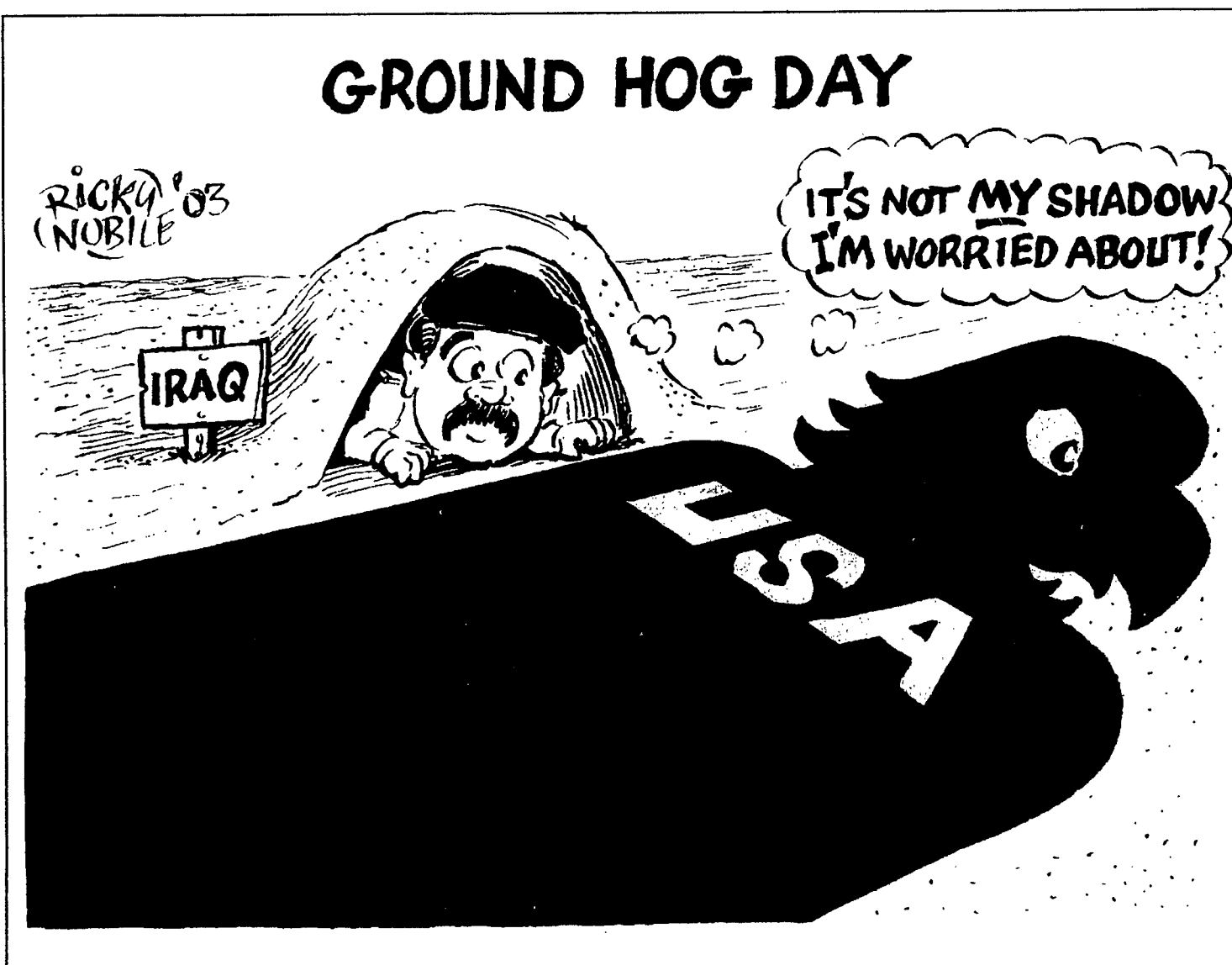
The education package had been contained in one bill right up until the last stage of passage. To satisfy legislative vanity so lawmakers in both branches could get into the bill-signing photograph, it was divided into two bills. A House number and title was put on the K-12 part, and the Senate's on the community and senior college part.

For decades, the Legislature has parceled out all state funding in 150 or more single-shot appro-



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor



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FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator
Scottie Cuevas



Legislature cranking education up a notch

In keeping with our efforts from two weeks ago to move an education funding bill on a fast track through the legislature, Friday both the Senate and House approved two final conference reports and sent them to the governor's desk.

These landmark pieces of legislation, as I reported before, allocate a full 62 percent of the general fund budget to education in Mississippi, for the first time ever fully fund the Mississippi Adequate Education Program, provide for this year's funding for the five-year teacher pay plan and help protect our colleges and universities from further damaging budget cuts.

As you may remember,

the Mississippi Adequate Education Program guarantees a fair and equitable investment in every child's education from the richest to the poorest school districts.

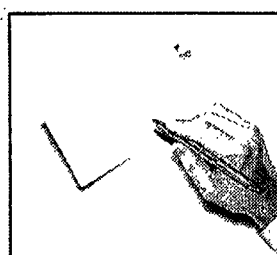
But, enacting this funding level and doing it on a fast track was neither easily or lightly done. Senate negotiators and their house of representatives counterparts worked long hours this week to make sure the funding formula will work and yet not cripple other departments of state government.

In these times when the economy is still in the doldrums finding money for education without jeopardizing our future is indeed a difficult task.

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



The two final bills provide an additional \$236 million for our K-12 schools, community and junior colleges and universities. The bills provides an additional \$23.5 million for community and junior colleges and an additional \$70 million for our institutions of higher learning. They also provide an additional \$142.5 million for K-12 education.

However, education was not all we worked on this week. Tuesday is a major deadline for us as we must have taken original action on all senate bills and resolutions.

Friday morning the Insurance Committee took a significant step in helping

our hospitals and doctors maintain their insurance when they approved SB 2826, which will help provide access to insurance.

We expect to vote on this bill on the senate floor Monday, Feb. 3.

We had 920 bills and resolutions introduced and to date we have actually approved 185 and sent them to the calendar for further action.

We will spend Monday and Tuesday of next week going through the last of the senate's general bills and resolutions that will be taken up this year.

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priation bills, with each measure usually winding up in the absurd number of session-end joint conference committees.

That plantation-style budgeting process invariably meant that those agencies and state services, which didn't get a piece of the pie early in the session were left to fight over the scraps.

Almost universally, legislatures around the country appropriate all money to operate state services in a single, omnibus budget bill, or just a handful of bills. That's a much more manageable system than the myriad of separate bills that has been the method-of-choice in the Mississippi Legislature for many years.

Our lawmakers have contended that Section 69 of

the old 1890 Constitution made it necessary to single-shot appropriations. But that is not really so. In fact, Section 69 says that you can put everything from education to the entire executive branch of government into the same bill.

I once checked to see how appropriating was done way back in 1892. The Legislature, I found, had combined appropriations for a whole host of agencies, including public education and even interest on state debt, in a single bill.

Somewhere in later years, the idea of separate appropriation bills to fund everything took over, and the flood of bills became worse, hitting a high in 1985 when 275 individual appropriations were passed, 195 of them winding up in

House-Senate conference committees.

In recent years, largely through Charlie Capps' efforts to streamline the appropriation process, the number of bills passed has shrunk, and some funding authorizations formerly put into separate bills have been combined.

But the just-passed spending package containing all education programs is by far the biggest step by the Legislature in modern history away from the antiquated, cumbersome single-shot system toward a single state budget bill.

That's why Charlie Capps optimistically called it "precedent setting."

While most lawmakers basked in the public and media euphoria generated by their landmark \$2.35 bil-

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lion commitment to education, Capps, the realist, was much less sanguine, knowing that the education package wiped out 62 per cent of all state revenue in sight to fund all state services in the next fiscal year.

Even before he can worry about FY2004, Capps has an huge headache to deal with immediately: Some \$100 million deficits in key state services hanging in the current fiscal year.

Chiefly they include \$40 million in the Medicaid program, \$32 million in Corrections, \$19 million in Human Services and \$4 million in the Bureau of Narcotics.

Perhaps some Yogi Berra wisdom is in order here: It ain't over 'til it's over.

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tee action was again a main focus of our week. In fact, Tuesday we had over 10 committee meetings, Wednesday the Senate held 15 committee meetings and Thursday we held 16. That is a lot of hard work and a lot of time spent in commit-

tee. During this period many senators find themselves going from two or more committees simultaneously.

But the session is moving along and we have already taken substantive action in several key areas.

Let me know what you think about these or any other matters of interest to you by calling me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to me at P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, Ms. 39215.

Bay may be in unsafe territory, get 'setback' by zoning variances

BY MARY G. SEILEY
Staff Writer

Despite a warning that it may be issuing zoning variances too liberally, Bay St. Louis City Council agreed to one property owner's quest for a rear yard setback variance on Paradise Point property.

City Attorney John Scafide said he's discussed the city's variance regulations with zoning consultant William Hessel, who's advising that, generally, variances should be granted only in cases of hardship, "not on a perceived need of the owner."

For instance, if a protected tree obstructs a property owner's ability to comply with the setback regulations, that would be a valid reason for city officials to grant a variance, he said.

The city shouldn't regard a property owner's mere desire to build outside the zoning ordinance's regulations as a valid reason to grant variances, he added.

The overall variance issue has city officials studying potential code revisions, to untangle what some see as almost impossible requirements now on the books. "It needs to be a whole lot clearer," Mayor Eddie Favre said Tuesday.

He's hoping at the very least the city will be able to do a better job of reviewing variance requests and other matters that flow through the Planning and Zoning Commission to City Council for action. At times, the code is misconstrued and applicants find that their requests for variances were either improper or unneces-

sary.

Tuesday, at-large council member William Taylor said the issue of which variances should and may be granted has been a huge question mark for him in over three years he's had a seat on council. "Almost every variance is judged on 'personal relationships with the applicants,' he said, rather than literal reading of the rules. "All of us make our decisions based on criteria other than what's in that ordinance," Taylor said.

While removing "personality and politics" out of the system, Scafide said the city should reserve some discretion, to avoid creating a "developmental straight-jacket."

What prompted Tuesday's discussion was an application for an 18-foot variance to rear setback requirements.

Harold Heidingsfelder had asked for the variance to construct an addition to a single-family residence at 4 Paradise Point.

The P&Z Commission had voted four-to-one in favor of the variance request, over the objections of two neighboring residents. All council members voted to grant the variance, except Ward 2 council member James Thriffley.

In other matters Tuesday, Favre said he hopes to have a cable franchise expert review the upcoming arrangement between the city and Mediacom. The firm's existing franchise expires this summer, said Favre, and the city may explore introducing competition for

a new franchise.

Council also:
• Agreed to seek bids for the demolition of 216 Ballentine St. Several area residents turned out to support the demolition, which has been recommended by the city building official.

One citizen, an architect, said the building has no historic or architectural value, and is probably in even worse shape than the inspector has outlined. But another citizen, a contractor, said she's still hopeful the structure can be salvaged. The owner lives in California, officials said.

City officials said they could halt the demolition process, if the contractor reaches an agreement with the owner in time.

• Agreed to take the preliminary steps toward applying for a housing demolition/reconstruction grant of up to \$350,000. Planner Jeff Loftus said the city's chances of winning the grant, however, is very slim. Last year, the city's application was rejected.

Loftus said the city would have to come up with a concentrated area of dilapidated houses for the program, with owners who meet are the program's requirements. They weren't able to do that last year, "so we're going into the program with strikes against us," he said.

Council president Doug Seal, who represents Ward 1, said pursuing the grant is "a waste of our time and money." Still council agreed to meet a couple of pre-application deadlines, in case a viable approach is found.

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Candidates still qualifying in Hancock races

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A total of 32 candidates had qualified in Hancock County at the Circuit Clerk's office since January 2, for local offices by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5, according to Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler.

Of the 32 to qualify thus far, one has withdrawn.

The only candidate to qualify since last Wednesday morning was Adron Pouncey, Jr., for the new post of justice court judge, district two. Thus far in the race is James A. (Jimmy) Lagasse, Jr., a Democrat, while Pouncey has filed as a Republican. The deadline to qualify is March 1, 2003. In district level races, where candidates file with their respective state parties, all area incumbents are seeking re-election.

Longtime State Representative J.P. Compretta, a Democrat, will be seeking another term for State Representative of District 122.

Incumbent Scottie Cuevas of Senate, District 46, a Democrat, is being challenged by Republican Harry B. Ward.

Thus far State Representative of District 93, Dirk Dedeaux is unopposed.

Incumbent State

Representative of District 121, Diane C. Peranich a Democrat, is being challenged by Ray Harmon, a Republican.

The new State Representative seat of District 95, which includes a section of Hancock and Harrison Counties, (Diamondhead is included) has now drawn three candidates. They are: Linda Johnson, Democrat, and Eric F. Necaise and Robert Tompkins, both Republicans.

Two races which appear to be creating a big interest in Hancock County appear to be Superintendent of Education and Sheriff.

The Hancock County Superintendent of Education race has four candidates to qualify. Only qualified electors residing in the county school district vote in this race.

Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner is being challenged by former superintendents Terrell Randolph and Myrna Bourgeois in addition to administrator David Kopf.

Ladner, Bourgeois and Kopf are running in the Democratic primary and Randolph in the Republican primary.

In the sheriff's race incumbent Steve Garber faces the challenge of five

term Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, who was edged by Garber in a close race in the 1999 Democratic primary, in addition to Bay St. Louis Chief of Detectives Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson in addition to Bay St. Louis Patrolman Richard (Rick) Fayard. Garber, Peterson and Burleson are Democrats and Fayard is a Republican.

Hancock County tax collector/assessor Jimmie Ladner, Jr. is being challenged by Lonnie A. Moore, both are Democrats.

Incumbent supervisor of district four, Steve Seymour thus far has Republican Bobby Glover in addition to Democrat Wayne Whitney as challengers. Seymour is a Democrat.

Lyonne (Jeep) Ladner, supervisor of district one is being challenged by David Yarborough.

Incumbent supervisor of district five, Jay Cuevas is being challenged by E. Marvin Thompson. Cuevas is a Democrat and Thompson is a Republican.

District one constable Phillip A. Pavolini is challenged by Terry Necaise, both are Democrats.

District three constable Eric Moran, Sr. is being challenged by Kurt A. Necaise. Moran is a Democrat and Necaise a

Republican. The primary elections will be held on August 5, with August 26 set as the second primary (run-off) date.

The qualifying deadline is March 1, (which was extended from February 28 recently) and that includes, candidates for primary elections in August and Independent candidates whose will be in the November general election.

The list as the local candidates qualified include:

• Pamela Thomas Metzler* - circuit clerk.
• Jimmie Ladner, Jr.* - tax-assessor/collector.
• Timothy A. (Tim) Kellar* - chancery clerk.

• Myrna L. Bourgeois* - superintendent of education.
• Steve Seymour* - board of supervisor, district four.

• Jay Cuevas* - board of supervisor, district five.
• Lyonne (Jeep) Ladner Sr.* - board of supervisor, district one.

• Roderick (Rocky) Pullman* - board of supervisor, district two.

• Steve Garber - sheriff*.
• Phillip A. Pavolini* - constable, district one.

• Lisa L. Cowand** - board of supervisor, district three.

• Eric Moran, Sr.* - constable, district three.
• Lonnie A. Moore* - tax

assessor/collector
• James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III* - justice court judge, district two.

• Ray Seal* - constable, district two.
• Ronald A. (Ronnie) Peterson* - sheriff.

• Mike Ladner* - county superintendent of education.

• Norma Stiglet* - coroner (medical examiner).

• Wayne Whitney* - board of supervisor, district four.

• Bobby Glover** - board of supervisor, district four.

• Richard (Rick) Fayard* - sheriff.

• David Yarborough* - board of supervisor, district one.

• Terrell Randolph** - county superintendent of education.

• Terry Necaise* - constable, district one.

• Ernest Taylor* - constable, district two.

• Tommy Carver, Sr.* - justice court judge, district three.

• Ricky Adam* - justice court judge, district one.

• David Kopf* - county superintendent of education.
• Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson* - sheriff.

• E. Marvin Thompson** - board of supervisor, district five.
• Kurt A. Necaise** - constable, district three.

• Lonnie A. Moore* - tax

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• Eric Necaise**
• Robert J. Tompkins**

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• Harry B. Ward**

Note: (*) denotes
Democratic and (**) denotes
Republican.

Lagasse, a former election commissioner is seeking the new justice court judge position in district two.

Seal and Taylor are seeking the new position of constable, district two seat.

Following the election, Hancock County will have three constable and three justice court judge positions.

New district lines will take effect before the August election.

For information on qualifying, contact the Circuit Clerk's office at 467-5265.

Supers still hearing complaints from water board opponents

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

It was a day of complaints at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors meeting on Monday.

Chris Salisbury, who represented a local group, the Voice of the People, presented Supervisors with a copy of a complaint that the group lodged with the Department of Environmental Quality. Salisbury said that the report complained of several instances of leaking sewer systems in the Shoreline Park area and of the problem of groundwater intrusion because the system is not properly sealed. He said that the system was improperly installed without support for pipes so that the pipes move with the marsh land and pull apart when the ground shifts.

The report included pictures that Salisbury said were taken at various locations in the neighborhood, illustrating the problems. He said other local concerned citizens groups were joining his group in their cause. He also said that the EPA was investigating the problem.

Salisbury called for a moratorium on what he called "unlawful proceedings" filed against numerous residents for failure to hook up to the sewer system and other complaints, which include non-payment of sewer bills to Hancock County Water and Sewer District. He accused the district of trying to put people in jail and the board of being incompetent. He also aimed criticism at supervisors because, he said, they (supervisors) appointed the board members in the district and therefore were responsible for their

actions.

Board attorney Ronnie Artigues said that the board of Hancock Water and Sewer District was a separate entity and that though supervisors could request that they look into alleged problems, they had no power to demand action.

District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said that both county officials and the DEQ were interested in cleaning up the environment and that if the DEQ felt that there was a serious

threat to that goal that they would advise Supervisors of the problem. If such a notice were received then repairs would be mandatory, he said.

"So far, we have received nothing from the DEQ," said Pullman. "I feel that a lot of people do not like the grinder pump system but they are installed and until the board sees a better way or a cheaper way to provide service than we must live with them."

Pullman said he had no

problem asking Hancock Water and Sewer to look into the complaints and asked Salisbury to provide Supervisors with the addresses where problems exist so they could be forwarded to the district. Salisbury said he would provide the addresses.

Director of Hancock Water and Sewer Eddie Renz, who attended the meeting, told Supervisors that he had talked to a DEQ representative and was told that the problems that the

group was complaining about were maintenance problems and could be fixed. He told supervisors that the district would be glad to repair the problems if people would call and report them or if Salisbury would provide the district with the addresses.

"We can give 24 hour service if need be," said Renz. "I also want to make something very clear. The district is not prosecuting people. If anyone is going to jail it is because of health

department violations or contempt of court charges."

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour suggested that Supervisors schedule a workshop to look into board appointments.

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"Year of bricks, mortar and marketing"

John P. Baxter, 2003 Hancock Chamber President, and Hancock Bank Vice President announced that committee chairmen have been selected and a new structure has been established to move the work of the Chamber forward.

Baxter said that the four top priorities for the Hancock Chamber this year are financial self-reliance, smart growth, image enhancement, and committee re-structuring. "The committee re-structuring is needed to empower our members toward action to accomplish more in less time for our community," he said.

In the area of financial

reliance, he plans to continue and expand the sponsorship program. To date, since September 2002, 18 companies are now on board as cash and in-kind sponsors of the Hancock Chamber. Most recently, Whitney National Bank came on board as the first bank sponsor. Later, Hancock Bank and now The People's Bank are also on board. The Sunshine Pages from EATEL has also signed up as a sponsor in the corporate leaders circle. Packages start at \$1,000 and can be custom designed to meet the marketing needs of the company.

"This year, we want to add a sponsorship package for the small business per-

son," he said. "This will give small businesses the opportunity to sign up for the marketing programs they want to include in their annual plan and pay one price for services," he said. "We also plan to set this up on a quarterly billing cycle to make this more convenient for our members," said Baxter.

Baxter said the Hancock Chamber plans to continue and expand the special events program. "We do not necessarily want more events," he said. "What we want to do this year is to expand and add on to existing events like the August Expo and the November golf tournament."

Baxter said the Hancock

Chamber also plans to promote partnerships with other organizations like the Port & Harbor Commission and the Tourism Bureau. "On April 25th," he said, "we will partner with these organizations to present one unified Salute to Business & Industry Gala." This event will bring business together with industry and government to work toward common goals.

Today, the Hancock Chamber is strong with more than 675 member representatives from 420 companies. "We are the voice of business in Hancock County and we want to strengthen our numbers by launching a new member campaign," he said. Baxter said the Hancock Chamber will also launch new advertising opportunities for members through website advertising and a new member directory. This directory, which provides advertising opportunities for members, will be produced in cooperation with the Sea Coast Echo and widely distributed.

In the area of Smart Growth, the Hancock Chamber board plans to revisit the plan, make adjustments and prioritize actions. And, one goal is to get even more people involved in this effort. Another area is image enhancement.

Through programs directed at educational issues, governmental relations and communications, the Board wants to enhance the Chamber's image as THE business leader in Hancock County. Baxter said this will be accomplished through the establishment of three new committees (communications,

governmental relations and student initiatives); and, the re-activation of two existing committees (education and by-laws committees).

"One of our goals last year was to get back to basics to FOCUS on the true needs of our members and the core work of the Chamber," said Baxter. To continue in this vein, the Hancock Chamber Board members are evaluating all of our committee functions and re-structuring as needed for increased effectiveness and member involvement in the areas of member services, beautification and community development.

During 2002, under the leadership of Jody Compretta, a strong, new foundation was laid. This year, during 2003, the Chamber Board has a Vision that will lay the bricks and pour the mortar to market our member businesses and produce a prosperous year for Hancock County.

"There are no limits to our opportunities. We create opportunities by seeing the possibilities and having the persistence to act upon them. Working together, we can make a world of difference for Hancock County," said Baxter.

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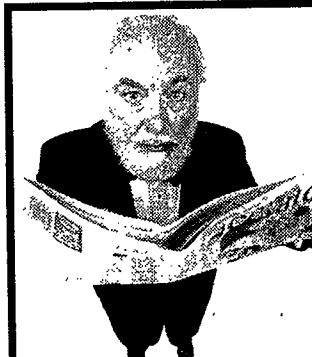
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Casino revenue growth slowing for second year

BY BARBARA POWELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS
WRITER

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — It's been a long profitable ride for Mississippi's gaming operators and for state tax collectors since the first casino opened in 1990.

But the economic engine that has poured nearly \$2 billion into state coffers in 12 years is beginning to lose steam.

The frenetic revenue growth that characterized Mississippi's gaming industry in its infancy has been slowing for two years as fewer new casinos are built and some are even closing.

Blame the economy and just the inevitable maturing of a young industry.

Last year started strong, but the momentum slowed in the second half as the soft

national economy and tropical storms along the Gulf took a toll. For the full year, gaming revenue was \$2.72 billion, almost flat with 2001. Gaming operations generated \$332 million in tax revenues for the state last year, vs. \$323 million in 2001.

"Last year was a relatively modest year," said Andy Borland, executive director for the Mississippi Gaming Association.

Of the 41 state-licensed casinos that have opened in the past 12 years, 29 remain, 12 on the Gulf Coast and 17 along the Mississippi River.

While a number of businesses and individuals have announced new casino projects in the last 18 months, none have come to fruition. And there are no casino license applications pending with the state Gaming Commission.

One casino closed last year: Isle of Capri-Tunica closed in October just three years after opening, a good indication that the market is getting saturated, particularly in Tunica.

"We certainly don't expect anything north in Tunica, since we had one just shut down," said Brian Richard, director of research for the Gaming Association, an industry trade group.

"That closing is a good indication that it's difficult to make money," Richard said. "We might see a new casino along the coast but, again, we'll have to see improvement in the economy."

For state lawmakers dealing with this year's budget crunch, economists and gaming experts say don't look too Mississippi's gaming industry for signifi-

cant revenue growth: Mississippi isn't likely to see again a year like 1994 when 11 casinos opened in one year.

In fact, its been almost four years since a new casino opened: Beau Rivage opened its casino in Biloxi in March, a 1999.

"Gaming is a maturing industry; you're now building on an existing infrastructure," said John Robertson, senior economist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. "And if you're looking to the industry for employment growth, the biggest impact occurred when they first opened. Now, you're talking about adding a 100 people here and there."

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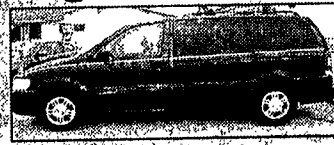
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Obituaries

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VIOLA J. COTE
DOROTHY DOSS
ROY GRIFFITH
DELBERT C. KADING
LILLIE JOHNSON
MARGIE LEWIS
DONALD NECAISE

DOUGLAS JAMES AUTHEMENT SR.
 Douglas James Authement Sr., 56, died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Authement was a native of New Orleans and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was an electrician, a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor and a member of Knights of Columbus in New Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rodney and Yvette Authement Sr.; and a brother, Rodney Authement Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Authement of Bay St. Louis; a son, Douglas James Authement Jr. of Kenner, La.; a daughter, Christine Hinkkanen of Bay St. Louis; a brother, John Authement Sr. of Mandeville, La.; a sister, Claire Walsh of Bay St.

Louis; and two grandchildren, Payton Authement of Kenner, La., and Chance Hinkkanen of Bay St. Louis. Services were held Wednesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor. The burial took place in Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans.

The family prefers memorials to St. Ann's Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

VIOLA J. COTE
 Viola J. Cote, 73, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Cote was a laborer for a can factory. She loved reading and playing casino slot machines.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Cote; and a brother, Paul Michaud.

Survivors include three sons, Michael P. Cote, Albert E. Cote and Raymond G. Cote; a daughter, Hazel Pettee; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Gulf Pines Cemetery in Long Beach. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

DOROTHY DOSS
 Dorothy Dean "Dottie" Doss, 81, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Doss was a native of Athens, Ga. She was a former resident of New Orleans and has been residing in Diamondhead for the past 23 years. She was a graduate of Athens Business College. She was a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead. Mrs. Doss was a homemaker and an avid bridge player. She will be remembered as a loving mother and a devoted grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin F. Doss; parents, Grover Cleveland Dean and Delpha Vader Cook Dean; and three brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Ben F. Doss Jr. of Covington, La., and James D. Doss of Diamondhead; two daughters, Ginny Tuman of Atlanta, and Kathryn Ritter of Hood River, Ore.; and seven grandchildren, Jeremy, Kathryn and Dawn Tuman, Jason and Sarah Doss, and Sean and Jenna Ritter.

Services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Diamondhead.

The family prefers memorials to Quality Hospice of the Gulf Coast, Inc., P.O. Box 549, Biloxi, 39530 or to St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 5303 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, 39520.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

ROY GRIFFITH
 Roy Wesley Griffith, 81, died Saturday, Feb. 1, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Griffith was a native of Birmingham, Ala., and a longtime resident of Kiln. He was a retired Air Force colonel, serving in World War II, and was retired from Keesler Air Force Base as a comptroller.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth Griffith; and his parents, Ralph and Viola Strickland Griffith.

Survivors include three sons, Bryon Griffith of Kiln, Donald R. Griffith of Waveland and Roy W. Griffith Jr. of Lanexa, Va.; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home chapel in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be at 9 a.m. Feb. 18 in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

DELBERT C. KADING
 Delbert C. Kading, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 2, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Kading was a native of Dublin, Texas, and a longtime resident of Pass Christian. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, serving as a helicopter pilot, and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a Ham radio operator and coordinator.

Survivors include his wife, Nell Kading of Pass Christian.

A procession will leave the Bradford O'Keefe Funeral Home in Gulfport at 1:30 p.m. Thursday for a 2 p.m. graveside service at Biloxi National Cemetery.

LILLIE MAE JOHNSON
 Lillie Mae Johnson, 58, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Johnson was a native of Amite, La. She graduated from Terry's Creek High School in Magnolia where she was valedictorian of her class. She was employed with the Holiday Inn Beachfront in Gulfport for 17 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, L.V. Harvey; stepfather, Emory Harvey; and a son, Sellars Johnson III.

Survivors include her husband, Sellars Johnson Jr.; six sons, Andrew Harvey, Troy Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Billy Ray Johnson, and Willie Ray Johnson, all of Gulfport, and Donald Johnson of Pass Christian; five daughters, Celestine Johnson, Tonika Johnson and Umeko Johnson, all of Pass Christian, Margie Johnson and Laretha Johnson, both of Gulfport; six brothers, Willie Dawson of Osaka, Fernando Dawson of Baton

Rouge, La., Ivy Dawson and George Bates of Magnolia, Mitchell Dawson of New Orleans, and Venson Holloway of Houston, Texas; four sisters, Mechale Dawson of McComb, Edna Dawson and Johnnie Dawson, both of Jackson, and Sandra Scott of Magnolia; 43 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at 11 a.m. today at St. James Baptist Church in Gulfport. Services will be at noon at the church. Burial will be in Pine Ridge Gardens Cemetery in Gulfport.

Hartwell's Christian Mortuary in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

MARGIE LEWIS
 Margie Louise Lewis, 74, died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2003, in Slidell, La.

Ms. Lewis was a member of Greater Mount Zion A.M.E.

Survivors include four daughters, Barbara Dabney, and Louanda Thomas, both of New Orleans, Jimmie Mae Holmes of Baton Rouge, La., and Rosalie Sheffield of Pearlington; a son, Edwards Thomas of Gretna, La.; a brother, Edwards Lewis of New Orleans; a sister, Lillie Mae Sams of Pearlington; 10 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday at Greater Mount Zion A.M.E. Services will be at noon at the church. Burial will be in Lindsey Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

DONALD NECAISE
 Donald Ray "Snake" Necaie, 64, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, in Gulfport.

He was a native of Hancock County and a lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis. He was of the Catholic faith and a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard.

He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Williams; parents, Reno Necaie and Marie Luc; and two brothers, Terrell Necaie and Reno Necaie.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Necaie of Bay St. Louis; a son, Ronnie Williams of Bay St. Louis, and Max Williams of Pensacola, Fla.; three daughters, Katie Necaie of Bay St. Louis, Kellie Necaie of Kiln and Donna Lee of Yazoo; two brothers, Gerald Necaie of Lakeshore, and Kenneth Necaie Sr. of Bay St. Louis; two sisters, Norma Morel of Bay St. Louis, and Carolyn Peoples of Lee Town; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held at Our Lady of the Gulf

Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis, on Wednesday. Burial took place in Garden of Memory Cemetery, Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

LYDIA RUTHERFORD
 Lydia LaFontaine Rutherford, 79, of Waveland, died Friday, Jan. 31, 2003, in Waveland.

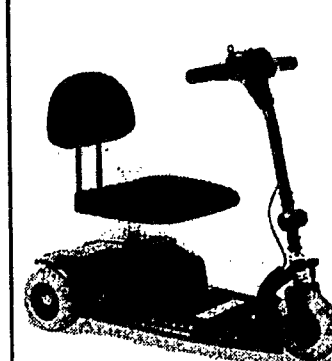
Mrs. Rutherford was a native of Lakeshore and a lifelong resident of Waveland. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of the St. Clare Catholic Church. She was a member of American Legion Aux. Post 139 in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Linwood "Lin" Leroy Rutherford; son William Barton Rutherford; parents Sylvester and Mary Fayard LaFontaine; brothers Monroe, Russell, James and Gerald Lafontaine; and sisters Mary Bosarge and Geraldine Ingersol.

Survivors include three sons, Linwood "Woody" Rutherford Jr. and Dennis Rutherford, both of Waveland, and Scott Rutherford of Pine Mountain Valley, Ga.; daughter Leja McKinney of Long Beach; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held Monday at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. The prayer service was held Tuesday at the funeral home, with interment in the Garden of Memory Cemetery.

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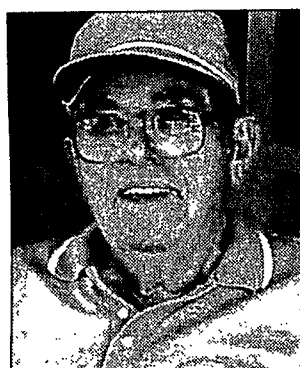
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'Oh,' what a feeling at Main St. Methodist

Main Street United Methodist Church will be host to a special guest, Arnold Oh, this weekend. Arnold is a Korean-American, 29 years old, and a 3rd year student at Wesley Seminary in Washington, D.C. He will share his faith journey, his call to Christian vocation, and his call to the

Cambodian mission field. He will also share the kind of work he will be doing in Cambodia.

Friday evening, he will be the guest speaker to the youth at 7:00 pm in Main Street's weekend. Arnold Ted Methodist Church Rebecca Hall. All youth from the area are invited to share in the food, activities

and a message from Arnold. At the Sunday morning church services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am Arnold will be the guest speaker. All are invited to attend. Donations for Arnold's mission will be appreciated. Main Street United Methodist Church is located at the corner of Second and Main Streets in downtown Bay St. Louis.

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Reed -- liquor license

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mercial or business use," ABC regulations state.

If it is zoned for commercial use, that boundary shrinks to only 100 feet and possibly negates the need for a waiver from the church. The distance regulations don't apply to bed and breakfast establishments on the National Register of Historic Places. And the regulations give the ABC discretion in approving on-premises licenses in "resort communities."

As it stands, Hotel Reed is a vacated, deteriorating building that initially was a hotel. It last functioned as a nursing home.

Officials note that the property is zoned for R-1, low-density residential development. The hotel was in operation when the city's zoning law was first enacted, and the nursing home was later allowed to operate under a "special exception" to the zoning law.

Cain wants to tear the building down and construct a similar-looking building to function as a hotel. He says the project wouldn't be successful

unless the facility's restaurant could serve liquor — but the church's permission hasn't materialized.

Re-zoning the property to commercial status is practically impossible, due the narrow bounds of law governing re-zoning. And, many nearby residents fear the wide range of commercial activity that could be placed on the land with that status in the future.

A "special exception," however, could be granted that would severely restrict its use to hotel and restaurant purposes.

Monday, Cain and restaurant owner Tommy Kidd made another in a series of appearances before City Council members to push for direction on what to do with the property. They asked for city leaders' help in trying to win over First Presbyterian Church officials — or to try to convince the ABC.

Favre said he's already talked with ABC officials on the telephone, suggesting that a "special exception" could be viewed as the city's award of commercial status

to the property.

Aside from the zoning and liquor license considerations, council members cautioned Cain that a hotel project would require sufficient parking for guests and employees. Ward 2 council member James Thriffliey also expressed concerns over the traffic and noise that could be generated by an improperly managed establishment.

Kidd assured Thriffliey that there would be no noise problem to disturb the neighborhood.

Still, Thriffliey replied: "But we are all not on this earth forever. I have confidence in you, but what about the next guy?"

Council president Doug Seal, who represents Ward 1, stressed that Cain isn't proposing to create a "honky tonk" bar. To the contrary, Kidd says he envisions "almost a replica of Hotel Reed, with a very conservative type bar.... We're all on the same page there."

Cain's backup idea for the property is to build an "assisted living" facility in lieu of the hotel.

Golf -- slice of HMS

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equipment, spent all day Tuesday in a field near the middle school coaching P.E. students on properly swinging golf clubs.

Debbie Williams, the P.E. teacher, pointed out that the country club also donates a lot of used equipment to the middle school.

Prior to the students' encounter with O'Neil and Smith, Williams taught the students about the fundamentals of grip, swing and putting.

"We wanted to expose these kids to a sport they otherwise might not get the opportunity to experience," Williams said. "The majority (of students) has really acclimated very well to our instruction and has grasped the idea of the sport."

This introduction to golf was part of the P.E. department's new program, which breaks up a semester into

about eight units.

The units for this semester, which are given in two-week intervals, include soccer, baseball, flag football, basketball and badminton.

Other units will include a presidential challenge, which works all the muscles; and jump rope heart, a fundraiser for the American Heart Association.

At the conclusion of each unit, the students are tested on the rules of the sport.

Williams, along with coaches Jason Lee, Chris Fortenberry and Chris Blake, implemented the program. This is first year for all four athletic instructors to teach or coach at Hancock Middle School.

Williams said the program seems to be fairly successful so far.

As far as the golf, several students said they have enjoyed the two-week

course.

"Learning golf has been fun so far," said seventh-grader Nimai Delgado, the 13-year-old son of Nicole O'Hara and Ricardo Delgado, both of Diamondhead.

Keli Jones, the daughter of Theresa and Jerry Beeson of Bay St. Louis, said she had to let the sport grow on her before she liked it.

"I didn't like golf at first, but when I played it was fun," said the 13-year-old.

For 15-year-old Travis Nixon, the program may have introduced a future favorite pastime.

"I learned a little bit about hand grip, and once I learned that, it made it easier to hit the ball," said Nixon, the son of Myrna and Danny Wagner of Bay St. Louis.

"I might play golf when I get older."

Murder

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The Jan. 28 arrest was the culmination of an investigation that began last October, after an anonymous informant apparently told U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents that Boquet was offering to pay \$2,000 and some Ecstasy pills to have his wife killed.

Boquet's father, a well-known minister in Houma, said in a written statement to the Courier that "I fully support my son. I know that he never really intended to harm anyone."

The Boquets were wed in July 2000, but by the time Ryan Boquet is accused of trying to set up the murder

scheme, they were separated and Star was back living with her family in Bay St. Louis.

Reports indicate that Ryan Boquet was "arrested after (allegedly) driving through a Kansas tollbooth with an open beer in his lap."

"When Kansas authori-

ties ran his fingerprints through the national crime computer, they discovered (he) was wanted on the federal charges."

The case is being handled by the office in New Orleans. Letten said no date has yet been set to remove Boquet back to Louisiana.

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Docs

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the state of local emergency it had declared last week in response to the walkout.

But Leftwich cautioned yesterday that "The hospital is still without vascular and neurosurgery coverage as those surgeons have been unable to return at present."

"Several of our physicians in other specialties continue to face challenges to keep their malpractice coverage."

Spay Day at the Beach

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- C) Down payment amount
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- E) If you are over 65 proof of age
- F) If you are receiving 100% disability benefits proof of your disability.
- G) Is any part of the property rented?

You must re-file your homestead exemption application if

- A) You became 65 on or before January 1, 2003.
- B) You became 100% disabled on or before January 1, 2003.
- C) You acquired a new residence.
- D) You acquired additional property that adjoins your homestead.
- E) Your marital status changed (divorced, windowed, separated etc.)

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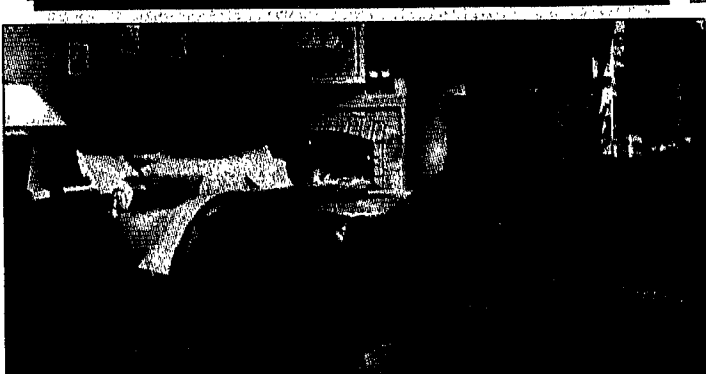
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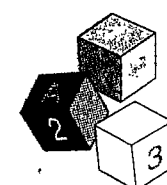
Community Outreach

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The Hancock Medical Center Foundation, with the help of concerned citizens, provided 300+ screenings and diagnostic mammography services for women who did not qualify for medicare/medicaid or commercial insurance. Women are referred by local health care providers.



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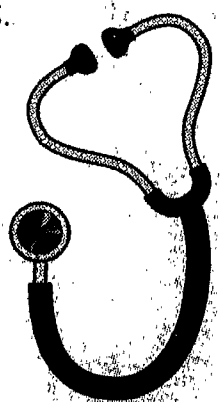
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Hancock Medical Center provides registered nurses to eight public schools in an effort to improve the health of our students.

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Health Fair

Each May a community health fair is featured during National Hospital Week. Medical screening tests are offered free of charge with many other displays from other community agencies.

Community Education

Ongoing monthly seminars are offered on a variety of health topics in a luncheon format or by request.

SPORTS

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SSC, OLA go for the gold!

OLA faces St. Andrews four fourth title

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Our Lady Academy Crescents will play for their unprecedented fourth consecutive Class 1A-2A-3A state soccer title on Saturday, February 8, following a 5-0 shutout victory against the Lady Crusaders of Mercy Cross in the South State title game at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex on Tuesday, February 4.

On Saturday, February 1, the Crescents defeated Newton County 9-0 on the road for a berth in the South State title game.

The wins make OLA 18-2-4 on the year and they will play St. Andrew's of Jackson for the state championship. St. Andrew's was a 1-0 winner in overtime against Jackson-St. Joe.

Julie Reboul and Lauren Renz each scored two goals in the game against Newton

County. Lauren Rittiner, Kara Harshbarger, Lauren Goulet, Laura Ellis, and Ellen Dauterive all scored one goal each.

Rachel Cranford and Dauterive tallied two assists while Rittiner, Goulet, Ellis, Margaret Hadden, and Jane Covington all dished one each.

Laura Ellis got things

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SSC storms into state title game

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws stormed into the Class 4A state championship game following two huge wins against the Laurel Golden Tornadoes and the Gautier Gators. The Rocks defeated Laurel 3-1 on Saturday, February 1, and Gautier 6-1 on Tuesday, February 4 at the Brother Philip Memorial Athletic Complex.

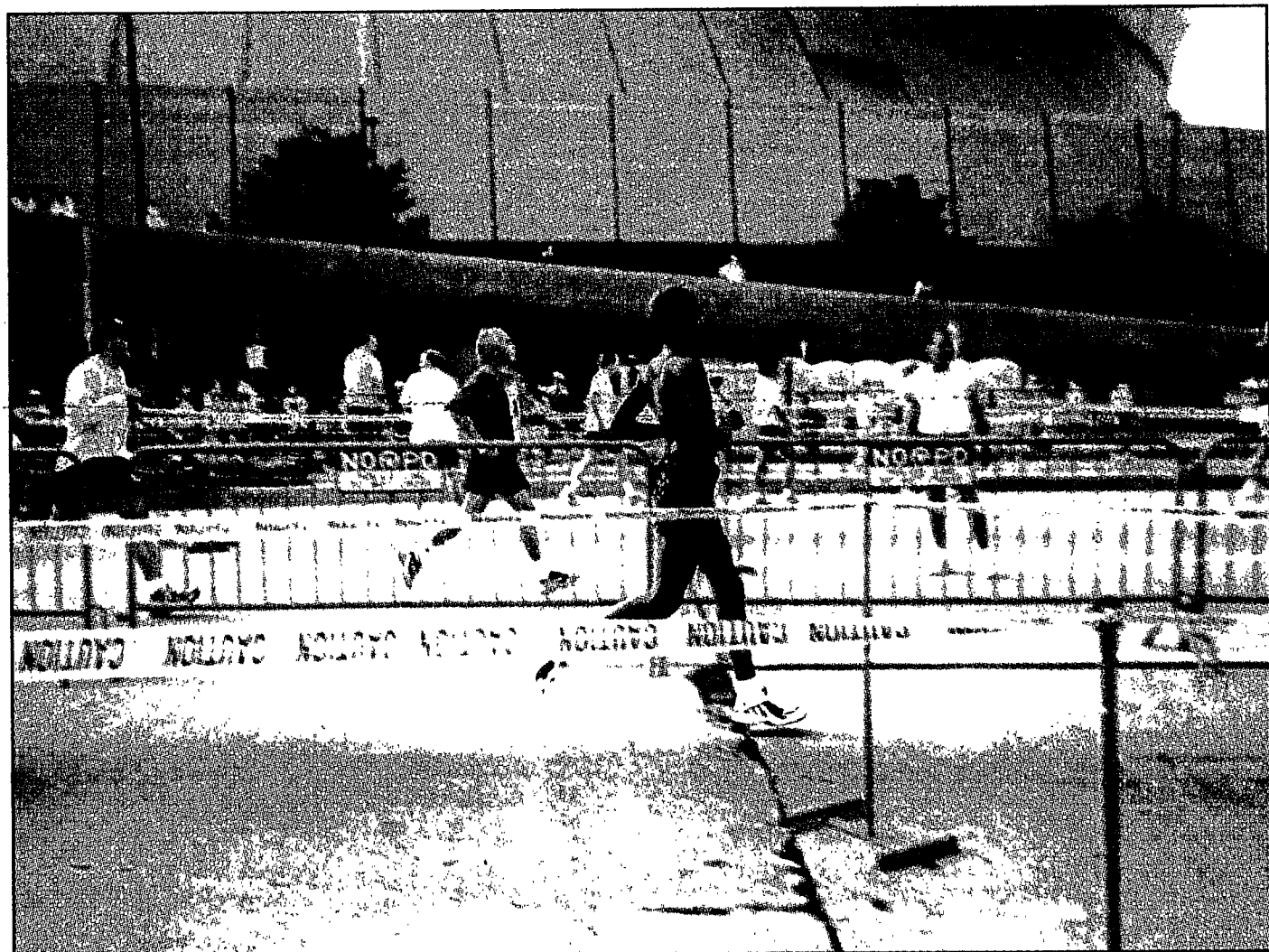
The wins send the Rocks (23-2-1) to the state championship game against Pearl

High School, a 3-0 winner over Florence in the North State championship game on Tuesday. Laurel ended their season with a record of 14-5 while Gautier finished 14-5.

The Rocks and the Golden Tornadoes battled to a 0-0 halftime tie before SSC opened the flood gates. SSC head coach Andy Kivlan commented, "We got off to a slow start. We played flat even though we controlled the ball in the first half. The

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All over the road



Sarah Middleton, a human resources employee for Mississippi Space Services at Stennis Space Center, nears the end of the run that helped her qualify to compete in the Boston Marathon.

Make way: Bay runner is Boston bound

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Boston in the springtime is such a sweet sight. The Red Sox at Fenway Park and the Green Monster. The luck of the Irish with the Boston Celtics playing in the Fleet Center. Walking Faneuil Hall with friends. "Make way for Ducklings", the popular children's book, has its own monument in Beantown! Not too mention that Boston is the hub of academia for the United States with dozens of colleges and universities in the surrounding area, including Harvard, Boston College, Boston University, Tufts University, and many others. However, springtime in downtown Boston is dominated by perhaps the greatest road race in the country - The Boston Marathon. And, a Bay St. Louis resident will be among the 20,000 runners participating in the annual rite of spring for the Northeast.

Sarah Middleton, a human resources employee for Mississippi Space Services at Stennis Space Center, has qualified for the premier event. Middleton beat the qualifying time for her age division at the Gulf Coast Marathon in November which is a qualifying race for the marathon.



Middleton cools off after learning she has qualified for the marathon.

The Boston Marathon will be run on Monday, April 21st while Boston is in full bloom of spring. Middleton will be competing in the 45-49 female age division. To qualify for the Boston Marathon, a runner can compete in any qualifying marathon around the country to achieve cutoff time for the different age divisions. However, the race is limited to the first 20,000 registered participants from around the world.

This year, Middleton qualified

with a 3:56.13 time during the 26.2-mile trek on the Gulf Coast. Middleton started running competitively about 10 years ago and has run about 10 marathons during that time span. She has competed in marathons along the Gulf Coast, Tupelo, New Orleans, and Pensacola. She was surprised when she crossed the finish line in November that she had made the qualifying time. Middleton was

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St. Stanislaus drops second consecutive division game

Rocks drop 48-45 to Gators on the basketball court

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The #4-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws lost consecutive games on the hardwood for the first time this season on Tuesday with a 48-45 overtime decision to the Gautier Gators.

The Rocks were down 28-27 at halftime before battling back to tie the game 43-43 at the end of regulation.

As time expired in overtime, Gautier heaved a desperation toss while double-teamed to win the game.

The loss drops the Rocks to 24-4 overall and 9-2 in the division while Gautier retains the #1 spot in Division 8 Class 4A.

SSC will host East Central on Friday, February 7, for Senior Night. If Pass Christian beats Gautier on Friday evening, there will

be a three-way tie for first place in the division as each of those teams will have split with each other during the season. The tie-breaker would be a point-differential formula.

Division tournaments for all area teams will begin on Tuesday, February 11. Bay High, SSC, and Pass Christian will travel to Vancleave for the Division 8 Class 4A tournament. Hancock will host their Class 5A region tournament in Kiln.

The top two in each division advance to the first round of the South State playoffs on Tuesday, February 18. If the team wins, then they will participate in the South State tournament on February 21-22. Bay High and Hancock are both #1 picks to host the South State tournaments, if they survive the division tournament and first round playoff game. The Rocks are the #2 pick behind McComb for the 4A boys south state tournament.

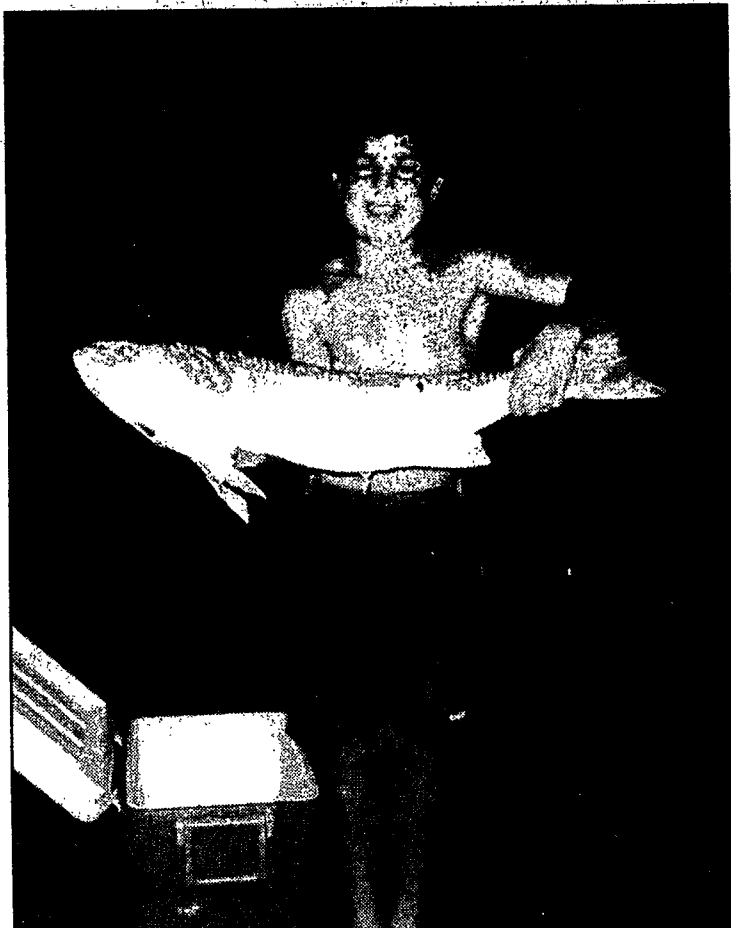
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Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Pass High seniors Maurice Hardnett (seated, left) and Brad Steube sign football scholarships Wednesday morning. Hardnett will attend Jackson State University, and Steube will attend Pearl River Community College. Also pictured from left are Wanda Hardnett, mother; DeMar Hardnett, brother; Bo Vonder Brunnegge, coach; Lynn Steube, mother; and Gary Steube, father.

SPORTS

Sportfishing vitally important to state, U.S. economy



Lucky fisherman

This 36-inch, 29.6-pound red drum was caught by Ryan Heath, 12, at the Garfield Ladner Pier in Waveland.

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

When Americans list the most important industries in this country, how many think to include sportfishing? Well, it just may be time to re-think your priorities, according to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

American anglers spend nearly \$42 billion per year on fishing equipment, transportation and lodging, and other expenses associated with their sport. And their expenditures have increased 33 percent over the past decade.

"Every time someone goes fishing in the Magnolia State, they help create jobs, increasing retail sales and tax revenue right here at home," Deputy Administrator Al Tuck said.

"Most anglers don't realize what an important contribution they are making to our economy and way of life."

According to a report by the American Sportfishing Association, fishing data from Mississippi are in line with the national trend:

* Some 585,837 anglers live in Mississippi.

* More than \$239 million in retail sales was generated by Mississippi anglers, which produced some \$463 million in economic output for the state.

* Mississippi's fishing industry supports more than 5,000 jobs, with those workers earning \$110 million in wages and salaries.

* Fishing-related purchases in Mississippi generated \$3.9 million in state tax revenues and \$11 million in federal income tax.

In addition, a recent Harris Poll found that fishing was ranked the most popular outdoor activity in America and was the fourth favorite leisure pastime, behind reading, watching television, and spending

time with the family.

Tuck also said that fishing greatly supports America's conservation efforts through the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

"Special revenues on fishing gear and motorboat fuel channel hundreds of millions of angler dollars toward state fish and wildlife conservation and recreation programs each year," Tuck said.

The American Sportfishing Association information is based on data from the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

The study is conducted every five years by the Census Bureau and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Tennis World to host Nat'l Sr. Women's Clay Courts

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Tennis World at Diamondhead will host the National Senior Women's 60, 70, 80 Clay Courts Championship beginning Monday, March 31 at Tennis World.

This will be the seventh year Tennis World has hosted this very important event.

Committee meetings, under the guidance of

President Charles Bell, are under way to insure that all the champions who participate in this tournament receive the very best of facilities and treatment accorded to national players.

Diamondhead Tennis World and Pro Steve Garman will welcome many tennis lovers who would like to witness this very fine play the whole week of March 31.

D'head Women's golf results

BY SALLY LINDSLEY

Winners of the following Diamondhead golf events for the month of December are:

12/3/02 - Trophy Day

1st Flight: Low Gross, Sue Campbell; Low Net - Emmy Swint; Low Putts - Maureen Holt

2nd Flight: Low Gross - E.J. Smith; Low Net - Jerry Ingraham; Low Putts - Audrey Dean

3rd Flight: Low Gross - Ruth Moran; Low Net - Shirley Hopes; Low Putts - Terry Settle

Chip-Ins: Emmy Swink, Sue Stevens, Diane Ackerman, Darlene Park, Jimmy Sandel

December 10 - Rained out

12/17/02 - Poker

1st Flight: 1st - Sally Lindsley; 2nd - Maureen Holt; 3rd - Emmy Swink

2nd Flight: 1st - Drew Sweetman; 2nd - Lorna Decker; 3rd - E.J. Smith

3rd Flight: 1st - Ruth Moran; 2nd - Joan Cann; 3rd - Shirley Smith

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SSC -- storming to state

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Laurel keeper, Greg Higginbotham, did good job the entire game. We pulled together in the second half and played much better."

The Rocks did play better as they broke open a scoreless tie about 15 minutes into the game. Peter Doty notched his 28th goal of the season to give the Rocks the lead. Doty earlier this season broke the school's all-time goals scored record of 100 which was set by Brad Cannon in 1996. Doty has now scored 110 goals in his career and recently committed to Boston university to play soccer. He was being recruited by UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington, Lehigh University, Brown University, Holy Cross, and Northwestern University.

About four minutes later, Will Boxx sent a shot into the corner off a corner kick. Boxx's goal made the score 2-1. Laurel notched their only goal of the game about 25 minutes into the game

when Brandon Easterwood popped a shot into the SSC goal.

Elias Elam finished off the scoring when he sent a shot high into the corner of the goal. He stated later that it was intended to be a pass to the far post but it went in instead.

Kivlan finished by saying, "The players level of intensity changed in the second half. We started challenging the ball more. Defensively, we played well. Their goal came off a communication breakdown."

In the South State title game on Tuesday, February 4, the Rocks put an end to the Gautier Gators quickly. SSC scored just under two minutes into the game when Michael Kivlan notched a goal with header from a corner kick by Peter Doty.

Later in the first half, Patrick Donohoe scored left-footed on a corner kick from Doty, again, to make the score 2-0.

At 27:00 into the first half, Austin Ladner scored off a header with an assist from Jake Johnson to make the score 3-0. A communication error on defense allowed Gautier to get a goal with less than a minute before the half ended; however, that is all the Gators would get this night.

The Rocks doubled their output in the second half with Elias Elam getting things started about 6:00 into the second half. He scored on a corner kick as the Gator goalie was unable to handle the kick.

Doty bounced a shot off a Gator player that ripped the net 11:25 into the second half to make the score 5-1.

Jeremy Keller finished off the scoring for the Rocks with a one-on-one shot to make the score 6-1.

SSC head coach Andy Kivlan commented, "Our goal early set the tone. I told the players that we could not afford another slow start like we did

against Laurel on Saturday. I emphasized to them that we were playing on a different level tonight and flat performances would not get us to the next step. We came out and set the tone early. The one goal that Gautier scored resulted from poor clearance of the ball and communication errors. In the second half, we knew that we had to get going early and we did that with a quick goal. We received strong play from the bench tonight and it was a total team effort."

The Class 4A state championship game will be played at 1pm at Pearl High School on Saturday, February 8. The Rock-a-chaws have won two state soccer titles in Class II in 1996 and 1997. They are gunning for their first state championship in Class 4A.

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Public comments, both written and oral, on the proposed redistricting are invited.

A map of the redistricting proposal will be available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office prior to the hearing.

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Middleton -- on the road

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very happy with the time but wasn't really thinking about Boston too much until a challenge was issued.

She commented, "Scott Burks, Wellness Center Director at Stennis, kept challenging me to make a run at Boston. He challenged me that if I went, he would be the first to help."

She also has plans to run in the Twin Cities Marathon in Minneapolis during October. Middleton's son, Nathan, lives in Minnesota and stated that if she runs in that race, he will run with her. Her son's, Nathan and Nick, both attended St. Stanislaus College and we outstanding athletes while they were Rock-a-chaws. Nathan was a standout college football player in Minnesota and Nick was a standout in soccer at Meridian Community College before finishing in Tennessee.

Middleton talked about why she competes in marathons, "When I finish a race, I feel a sense of accomplishment. It is painfully exhilarating with a natural high. The marathon is a challenge for myself. Running is something that I can compete with myself and not have to worry about involving others."

Middleton begins her intense training for a marathon a few months before the race. She stated, "I exercise six days a week. I mix running with cross-training. I try to run every other day while in between mixing in bicycling and weight training. However,

most of my training is running. There is about an eight-week schedule that I follow while trying to keep up the miles on the road. That is the main thing when running competitively. You have to keep your mileage up."

Diet plays a major part of the training process for Middleton, as well as others. Middleton commented, "I have to watch what I eat especially with long runs. I try to carbo-load before long runs. I stay away from fried foods and eat very little sweets. The diet loads up on vegetables, pasta, and grilled dishes. I am not as serious as many professionals but I enjoy doing it as exercise and spare time."

When Middleton hits the road, she hits it running. Her training runs vary between short distances and long runs. The short distances she runs on the grounds of the test facility. However, for her long runs she takes to the hilly streets of Diamondhead. Middleton stated, "I like doing my long runs in Diamondhead because of the hilly roads and the safety aspect. Diamondhead is a much safer place to run."

Middleton has her good days and bad days while training. That just goes along with any sport. However, Middleton feels that every run is a challenge, even on good days. It has to be that way to get better.

When asked about what a person is to do to get started running, Middleton replied, "Get a good pair of

shoes." Middleton goes through between three and four pairs of shoes per year while running and training. She added, "After you get a good pair of shoes, start running within yourself. You don't want to start too fast. That could set you up for a quick injury. Injuries are going to happen, as they do in all sports. But, a runner has to build a solid foundation and grow from that."

There are many pre-race activities that surround the spring classic; however, Middleton is unsure of what activities she will make if any. She divulged, "I want to just take it easy when I get there. The race is being run the day after Easter. I would like to get up there on Friday and possibly do some things. But, I really want to take it easy when I get there to be prepared for the race."

After running competitively for a decade, a runner finally gets a shot at the Boston Marathon. Just the idea of running in the big road race sends butterflies through the belly of many professional runners. Middleton has run with great perseverance over the years and now she gets a chance that many never will have the opportunity at doing. So, Middleton will continue to do what got her to Boston in the first place.

Sarah Middleton will be Bay St. Louis' representative in Boston come April 21st. We wish her well. We wish her an injury-free run. We wish her a fast race. But, most of all, we just wish her the best. Congratulations, Sarah!

OLA -- fourth title

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going for OLA in the game against Mercy Cross. Ellis took an assist from Megan Flynt and scored the game's first goal and give OLA the 1-0 lead. The half ended with that narrow margin.

The Crescents came alive in the second half with Katherine Milner scoring two goals for the Crescents.

Rachel Cranford started the scoring off in the second half off an assist from Kara Harshbarger as she beat a Crusader defender to the

goal. Milner scored her first goal of the half off of a corner kick to make the margin 3-0.

Harshbarger's solo shot went untouched about 4:04 after Milner's shot to make the difference 4-0.

Milner finished the scoring later in the period scoring off a corner kick for the second time and making the final tally 5-0.

OLA coach Steve Reboul stated, "Our defense turned

it up a notch this evening. It was an aspect of our game that we worried about coming into this game. Namely, Katherine Milner stepped up on defense and she also got two goals on the offensive end, as well."

The OLA Crescents will play for their fourth consecutive state title at 1pm on Saturday, February 8 at Clinton.

Annie Giardino recorded the shutout in goal.

PCI Ladies Golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Jan. 21 Low Net winners include:

Pat Ellis, first; Jolee Burrus, second; Kay Love, third; Nancy Hanby, fourth; Doris Lackie, fifth; Mary Jo Delligatti, sixth; and Pat

Ellis and Ouida Parker chip-ins.

PCI Nines: Rose Ogilvie, first; Melanie Loicano, second; Vela McBride, third; Melanie Loicano, chip-ins; and Mary Jo Jones low putts.

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81 Appliances

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83 Items For Sale

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MOVING SALE CALL 467-1002 Ducks in Nest (J. Ortis) W-23, L-19; Tropical print W-24-1/2, L-36; armoire; walnut mirror W-19, L-28; Oval table W-42, L-65 and 6 padded chairs; china closet/dishes 8pc set; dry sink; walnut convertible table 2-6 and 2 walnut folding chairs; 2 rattan cocktail tables/glass tops; 1 rattan table 23X23; 1 rattan table 23X20; 1 large lamp H-28, W-10; 2 drawer chest, W-36, D-20.

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84 Furniture

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84 Furniture

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85 Building Materials

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88 Tools, Machinery

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90 Pets

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93 Yard Sale

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93 Yard Sale

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36 Special Notices

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46 Home Improvement

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53 Schools & Instruction

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56 Services Offered

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138 Trucks, Vans

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148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH WATERFRONT, newly renovated, pet-free. \$450/month, \$400/deposit includes water and sewer. 1-985-649-0826.

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FOR RENT. 2 BEDROOM 1 BATH Located on the water, fenced yard. \$500 1 month \$250 deposit. Pet free. 467-2272.

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA, new construction, 168 & 172 Felicity, \$775., 803 Spanish Acres Dr. 3BR/2BA \$600/month, 405-A Citizen St. Townhome, 3BR/2-1/2BA \$850. Call Chari at McIntyre Rapp Real Estate, 467-3777.

LIKE NEW 3 BR, 2 BA FROM \$750 per month. Century 21 of Diamondhead. 255-3550.

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151 Furn. Houses Rent

2 BEDROOM, OFF BEACH IN Clermont Harbor, 100 year old cottage with screened porch, furnished. \$550/month. 504-250-3364.

156 Lots/Acreage

FOR SALE AT APPRAISED PRICE of \$19,992. Herley St. Bk 21 34-37 Waveland highlands. (601)928-2211 ask for Steve Arrington.

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WATERFRONT 3BR, 2BA, 2,000 Square Feet, Guest Cottage. Area 04, \$135,000 MLS#125424

DOWNTOWN BAY ST. LOUIS 2BR, 1.5BA, Totally Renovated, Sun Room. Area 03, \$155,000 MLS#133770

BAY ST. LOUIS 3BR, 2BA, Totally Renovated, Screened Porch, Large Lot & Lots of Storage. Area 03, \$79,000 MLS#136332

156 Lots/Acreage

LOT 70X110: 1550 MARGIE ST., Waveland, off Old Spanish Trail, \$12,500. Call Sherry Powell, 228-467-0244, 228-671-9218. Coldwell Banker/Alfonso Realty, Inc.

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WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

2 COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR SALE: 100'x200' total, on Hwy. 603. \$43,900 for both. 467-9545 or 466-2505.

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OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Choctaw Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent office location, 1015 Hwy. 90, 2 units available. Close to Hancock Medical Center. Terms negotiable. Call for info/appointment. 467-1602.

SPACE AVAILABLE: 131 Main St. B.S.L. Unit E. 675 sq. ft. \$400/month, \$400/deposit. 255-0924.

159 Houses For Sale

2 BLOCKS FROM BEACH: \$79,500! Classic 100 year old cottage with screened front porch. 2 bedrooms. Clermont Harbor. Owner/Agent 504-250-3364.

3 BEDROOM RAISED HOME w/cntl heat/air, lg rooms throughout, on partly fenced 100x100 grounds. \$57,500.00 Key Properties 467-0600

4BR HOUSE, 2443 SQ. FT. 118 Grass St. Idlewood Subdivision, Waveland. Reduced. 467-3601, or 255-5326. 341-3601.

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BRAND NEW HOME 3BR/2BA 17,000 sq. feet on 3/4 acre in Kiln. Asking \$96,500. 255-8012

BY OWNER: GREAT LOCATION 4BR/2ba + 2/half-baths. Sundeck, screened porch, Cent. A/H. carpet, spacious rooms. 2,360 sq. ft. \$141,000. 467-5062

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Total Remodel! Everything new! 3BR/2BA near beach, Waveland. Large lot, quiet street. 410 West 4th. \$87,000. (985)863-3020.

159 Houses For Sale

DELISLE: 2BDRM 2BA HOME W/CNTL heat/air on 2.6 acres. Convenient to I-10. \$56,900. 467-0600

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WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS. 1br/2ba, new a/c. \$57,300. 120 Cedar Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WAVELAND: 3BDRM 1-1/2 BATH home on a seldom traveled street. Cntl heat/air, range & refrigerator. \$65,000. Owner will finance. Call Key Properties 467-0600

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILDREN IDENTIFIED IN THE PETITION

Cause No 2002-24A
REVEREND BENJAMIN KELSEY ROBINSON, JR.

GINGER LYDIA ELIZABETH ROBINSON To Mark Anthony Hayes, Sr. You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above-named court the petition of Reverend Benjamin Robinson, Jr. and Ginger Robinson to adopt Marquan Orion Hayes and Mariah Alexis Hayes on February 28, 2003 9:00 am at the Hancock County Court-house in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Hancock County, and unless you appear at such date and place and make objection to the petition, the decree of adoption may be granted as requested. Dated: 12/10/03 01/23 01/30 02/06 02/13/03

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of Robert Totto, whose last known address was 903 Rue De Lasalle Waveland, MS 39576. An auction shall take place at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, on the 26th of February 2003 02/06/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF AUDREY N. SCHMIDT, DECEASED,
ROBERT WILLIAM SCHMIDT, PETITIONER
NO. 2002-642

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given upon this day, Letters Testamentary having been issued to the undersigned upon the Estate of AUDREY N. SCHMIDT, deceased, being Executor in Cause Number 2002-642 on docket of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and they must probate and register their claims against said estate within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this Notice. Failure to do so will forever bar said claims. WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 12 day of Dec., A.D., 2002. ROBERT WILLIAM SCHMIDT

PAAMEL L. CASTLE
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P.O. BOX 48
HATTIESBURG, MS 39403
(601) 582-4384
MSB NO. 9829
01/30, 02/06, 02/13/03

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of Pam Ricca, whose last known address was 34 Lake Breeze, New Orleans, LA 70130. An auction shall take place at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, on the 26th of February 2003 02/06/03

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, will sell to the highest bidder for cash the personal property of Robert Totto, whose last known address was 614 E. 8th, Hutchinson, KS 67501. An auction shall take place at 1:00 o'clock p.m. at Bay-Waveland Mini-Storage, 926 Highway 90, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, on the 26th of February 2003 02/06/03

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Public Notices

The Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 7:00 a.m. in the City Hall Annex, 1111 Court Street to consider the following:

LOJACANO - application for special exception to the Zoning ordinance to be allowed to use the structure located on residential property as a day care center. The property is located at a lot located at 11111 Nacacade Avenue and described as Lot 79A, Second Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, parcel #149E-029-007-0000.

MIKKE RIGGS - application for 0 side yard setback and 0 front yard setback for a new building. The property in question is located at 594 Eastwater Street and described as Lot 131 & Part Lot 132, Engman subdivision, Parcel #131-029-007-0000.

DANIELS - application for subdivision. The property in question is located on the 300 block of Eastwater Street and described as Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785

tion for its variance to install
install a driveway. The property in question is
located at 504 Main Street and described as Lot
57, Second Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock Coun-
ty, Mississippi.
IRMA LEVANS - application for special subdivi-
sion plat to create three residential lots.
The property in question is located at the inter-
sect of Midway Lane, Leopold and Laurie
Streets and described at Lot 128, First Ward, Bay
St. Louis, Hancock County, MS, parcel #14AN-C
19-205. It is zoned R-1.
Additional information for the above mentioned is
available for review during the hours of 9 a.m.
and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the office
of the Clerk of Council, City Hall Annex, 111
Court Street. All interested parties are urged to
attend.

PAULA C. FAIRCOURNETTE
CLERK/COUNCIL
02/26/03

SUBMITTER TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of December, 1999,
Donna P. Billingsley, an unmarried person, executed
and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto me,

WHEREAS, by various assignments on record, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to The Bank of New York, acting solely in its capacity as assignee, and the said Deed of Trust 2001-1F, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 735 at Page 192, and the said Deed of Trust 2001-1F, Book 733, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the said Chancery Clerk in Book 735 at Page 196; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the said Deed of Trust, the surety bond secured by the said Deed, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, the undersigned, in and to the said County, during legal hours, at public outcry, for sale and will sell, at the main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, on the 1st day of the said month of May, 2003, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 1, Block 1, Subdivision, Waveland Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat on file in the office of the undersigned, in the said Plat Book 5, Page 28, in the office of the undersigned, in the said County of Hancock, Mississippi, and

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE and the Seal of the undersigned, this 1st day of May, 2003.

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK**

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of November, 2000, Craig A. Hebert, executed a Deed of Trust to Charles E. Hebert, Jr., the undersigned Trustee of the Stuart Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 664, Pages 807-809, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, and the undersigned, the Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned Trustee to do so, I will on the 21st day of February, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during legal hours, between 11:00 a.m. o'clock and 4:30 p.m. o'clock, at the Front Door of the County Courthouse, in the Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 95, Deer Park Subdivision, Phase III, as


of January, 2005, A.D.
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Wildlife Expo will entertain everyone

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The fourth annual Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Expo, which will be held on March 7-9 at the Washington County Convention Center in Greenville, Mississippi, will feature several top attractions and seminar speakers.

According to Leila C. Wynn, President of the Mississippi Fish and Wildlife Foundation, "Everyone will enjoy the many seminars. We have scheduled some top seminar speakers and are very fortunate to be attracting such talent."

The Foundation is fortunate that the famed Preston Pittman will be at the Expo giving several seminars. Preston has won many contests. Some of his wins include: The World Turkey calling contest, The World Natural Voice Turkey calling contest, The World Gobbling Turkey calling contest and The World All Call turkey calling contest. This makes him the only person to hold five different World Titles.

Some of his other wins in turkey calling are: seven National Championships, Grand National Gobbling and Grand National Champ of Champs. His latest wins are: the Grand National Champions of Champions, the Grand National Gobbling Championship, the World Gobbling Championship and the Mississippi State Championship.

Rick Dillard is a biologist for the U.S. Forest Service and currently serves as Fish and Wildlife Program Manager for the National Forests in Mississippi. He provides oversight and coordination for the management of 1.2 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat on 6 national forests in the state.

Dillard is interested in the numerous trophy deer harvested across the state. This interest led to the creation of the Magnolia White-tailed Deer Records Program that serves to recognize trophy deer on a county-by-county basis.

If you want to find out more about "BIG" deer and where they are coming from, check out Rick's seminar as he talks about the Magnolia Records Program. And don't forget to bring your deer and have it scored! All one has to do is bring his or her deer to the Expo between 3 and 9 p.m. on Friday, March 7 or from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 8.

Firearm owners attending the Expo will receive free gun locks as part of the nation's most comprehensive firearm safety education program, Project Home Safe. Project Home Safe is funded by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and a \$4.9 million federal grant administered by the U.S. Department of Justice.

EXPO-4C

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Prairie Sun shines in any landscape



Norman Winter

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MSU Horticulturist
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The winter already seems long, and if you are like me, we're ready to dig in the dirt. These next weeks before spring offer great opportunities to plan for our beds to be the showiest ever. One plant you should consider is a new Rudbeckia hirta, or black-eyed susan, known as Prairie Sun.

Prairie Sun is an All-America Selections winner this year, and I never saw it less than picturesque in variety trials, even in mid-August. It is one of those flowers that might be considered a gloriosa daisy. These are normally treated as annuals, although they do return occasionally.

Those of you who loved the Mississippi Medallion award winning Indian Summer with the large softball-sized flowers will find this one equally enchanting. There are a couple of big differences, however. Indian Summer has a brown or black eye, and Prairie Sun has a green eye. Indian Summer is a deep yellow gold, and Prairies Sun features the deep yellow gold with a primrose band around the petals' tips.

Like Indian Summer, Prairie Sun will be a large plant reaching from 24 to 36 inches in height and probably will be the

most attractive flower in the landscape during its long period of bloom.

Prairie Sun will perform with breathtaking beauty if planted in fertile, well-drained soil in full sun. Amend tight soil

with 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, and till to a depth of 6 to 8 inches, adding two pounds of a slow-release fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. A 12-6-6 or balanced 8-8-8 blend with

minor nutrients included are good choices. Space 18 to 24 inches apart, planting at the same depth they are growing in the container.

This is a plant that can be grown from seed but

usually the seeds of first year All America Selections winners are hard to find. Apply a layer of mulch after planting or when seedlings are 6 to 8 inches tall.

Deadhead spent flower stalks to keep the plant tidy, to increase production and to eliminate a potential site for disease. Keep well watered and fed with frequent light applications of fertilizer. Although considered an annual or biennial, it will often re-seed if some seeds are left toward the end of the season. The resulting seedlings will most likely not be true to type, but will be none-the-less attractive.

Don't let the thought of this being an annual disturb you. Its beauty is as though it was created for the perennial border. The large, softball-sized flowers look even better when combined with spiky blue or violet flowers from salvias, angelonias or veronicas like Sunny Border Blue. Saturated red flowers from zinnias or annual salvias also combine well.

Prairie Sun like Indian Summer produces 5- to 9-inch flowers on 18-inch stems, are ideally suited as cut flowers and have a long vase life if you condition them. The secret is to place a cardboard sheet on top of a deep pan of 100 to 110 degree water.

Cut holes in the cardboard to allow the stems to be placed through and into the water. When the petals are flat and the stem is straight, it is ready for the vase.

Hopefully, you will plan to use Prairie Sun in your landscape. I know you will love it. One other thing: this would be a good time to remind your garden center to make sure they have plenty on hand for spring planting



Prairie Sun, an All-America Selections winner this year, will reach from 24 to 36 inches in height and probably will be the most attractive flower in the landscape throughout a long blooming season. It produces 5- to 9-inch flowers on 18-inch stems.

Somewhere in North America

(Author's Note: My son is waiting to be sent over to the Arabian Theater of Operations. He and his unit have been undergoing an intensive series of training for the last three months and are now waiting their group deployment.)

Unlike my experiences in the Korean war, he can communicate by e-mail instantly and did so when he was deployed during the early part of the Afghanistan Campaign.

I now receive missives that are signed as coming from Somewhere in North America. What follows is a combination of two that I have received over the last few days.)

There are three lists. One for people who, because of health issues will not get the small pox vaccine this go-round, a list of people who are going forward, but because of family health issues will receive the vaccination over there.

And then there is the group of people, such as myself, who are not going forward just yet. That is why I had to wait a week before I could get the vaccination.

There are some incidents today that adds a lot to the understanding of what is going on. I have been thinking about this

and talking with others here about the whole process.

I've come to the conclusion that the vaccine we are getting is different then what they gave us as children.

I don't recall exactly how I got the vaccine when I was younger, but now they prick the skin fifteen times. Taking it to the next logical step, I think we are all guinea pigs in a very large study.

I've come to this for several reasons. The intense computer-based education program that went out before the vaccinations started. Then we had to fill

out a survey.

This survey is what divided everyone into the lists that were made. After the vaccination they gave us a diary that must be filled out every day for four weeks.

The diary must be turned in. And lastly there is a hotline to call if we have any problems. The doctor that came in to use my phone was answering such calls, and I overheard

some real interesting conversations.

The other point that was brought out was we are considered to be highly infectious. Our clothes that touch the site are considered infected and we have to take care in washing them. At my doctor's appointment today, there were signs asking if we had the vaccination to let the staff know.

VIEWS-4C

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolet@mail.datasync.com



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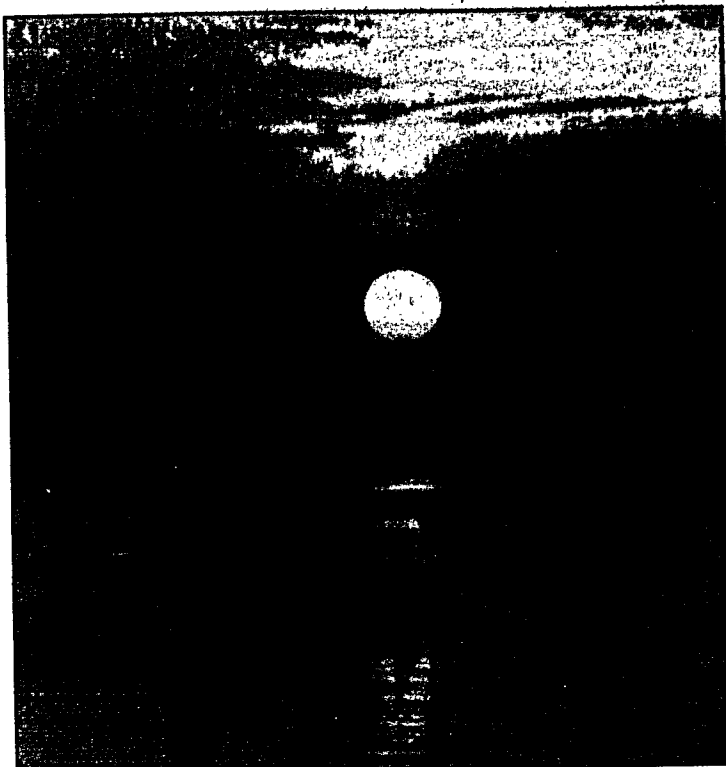
Feb. 6, 5-10 p.m.
Feb. 7, 5-10 p.m.
Feb. 8, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Feb. 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Adults, \$8; children (6-12 years), \$3; under 6, no charge

Tickets may be purchased at the Louisiana Superdome Box Office, discounted advance sale tickets available at the Boat/US Ticket Center by calling 1-877-476-7683 or on line at www.discoverboating.com/neworleans

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Make a splash in the Wave Box. The world's first portable hydraulic whirlpool, the Wave Box is a churning 22,000-gallon pool

that simulates the white water rapids by spewing 6,400 gallons of water a minute over a six-foot wide waterfall.

This training tool, created by Confluence Watersports, for beginners and professionals alike will be the featured activity at the show for attendees.

Watch and learn the many tricks of kayaking including blunts, spins and cartwheels.

"THE FISHIN' FEVER COVE"

Daily fishing seminars and casting demonstrations are conducted by local, regional, and national pros at the Travelin' Fish Tank, a 40-foot aquarium stocked with live fish.

CAMP CHEVY FISHING POND

Returning to the show this year is the Camp Chevy Fishing Pond where kids can fish for free, pick up some fishing pointers, practice their fishing skills, and have lots of fun while doing it, too.

Camp Chevy allows kids to cast their line and catch a catfish in a pond that is stocked with farm-raised

catfish that they can catch and release.

DISCOVER BOATING PHOTO CONTEST

View entries that were submitted in this summer's Discover Boating Photo Contest.

The winning photos and all of the entries will be exhibited on a "wall of fame" inside the show.

DISCOVER BOATING CENTER

Here you will find the answer to any question that you may have about what type of boat will complement your boating lifestyle and learn why "life is better with a boat."

Register to win a \$1,000 cash-giveaway at the Discover Boating Center.

"PARADE OF PRIZES"

Register to win one of numerous prizes donated by the exhibitors of the New Orleans Boat Show. Some of the prizes include life jackets, rod and reel combos, tackle boxes stocked with tackle, boat detailing, coolers, plus many, many more.

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Save \$10 off any purchase of \$50 or more with your boat show wristband and register for a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree at West Marine!

"SKIPPER" THE DOLPHIN

Be on the lookout for or Skipper the Dolphin, the official mascot of the New Orleans Boat Show.

Skipper will be on hand throughout the show to entertain the kids and pose for photographs.

SPECIAL APPEARANCES:

Making a special appearance to at the New Orleans Boat Show will be the reigning Miss New Orleans, Mrs. New Orleans and Miss Teen New Orleans along with Mrs. Louisiana.

For additional information, call the administrative office: 504-780-1818 or www.discoverboating.com.

The New Orleans Boat Show is produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the principal trade association of the marine industry.

Spotlight On Dining 2003

Chef Guy's Bayou Roux

Since November of 2001, guests have been drawn to Chef Guy's Bayou Roux, located at 103 Live Oak Drive inside the Ramada Inn, Diamondhead, due to the diverse menu, great service and reasonable prices. Ask anyone who has ever eaten at Bayou Roux and they will tell you C'est Si Bon!

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Chef Guy served a 4 year apprenticeship under many American as well as European chefs and has worked as a chef across the United States. He came to love Southern Regional Cuisine as a cook aboard off shore platforms. He was also executive chef at a local casino. Bayou Roux is a culmination of all his talents and experiences.

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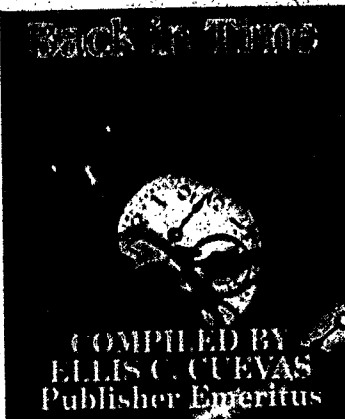
TEN YEARS AGO

January 28, 1993 - It's no secret, there is a proposal for gaming at the head of Main Street," Ken Murphy, a beach front property owner, reported Tuesday. Murphy noted the area involved is "from the head of Main Street toward Dock of the Bay." He commented, things are still at a primitive stage." Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre reported prior to last week's city council meeting and during a closed door session, a group of men made a brief presentation about a proposed development in downtown Bay St. Louis.

-When the Demboski family moved to Bay St. Louis from Maryland 16 years ago, they brought a sport that would become one of the city's most popular...soccer. Tom Demboski, founded Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS), and coached his young son, Scott, then 8. Scott grew up with the fledgling soccer league, and shined as a standout player and later, referee. A train accident claimed the 24-year-old newlywed's life Sunday, and a memorial fund has been established to fund a permanent BAYS soccer complex in the community.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

January 27, 1983 - Crowding a Waveland City Hall meeting room Tuesday night were several of some 22 property owners who attended at City Planning



Commission hearing regarding a proposed zoning change near the city's eastern border in which petitioners sought changing an R-3 (multi-family dwelling area) classification to R-1 (single family.) The commission unanimously agreed not to change the zoning classification and recommended the Waveland Aldermen update the city's 13-year-old zoning map.

-In an attempt to seek any federal aid available, the Hancock County Board of Supervisors declared flood damages in Hancock County an emergency. Some 30 fishermen from Bayou Cadet area of the county attended the meeting requesting the supervisors take 'any and all action necessary to provide economic assistance to Bayou Cadet fishermen who have suffered economic losses.' In commercial fishing boats alone, Robert (Bobby) Boudin, Hancock County Civil Defense director, said some \$357,000 in damages have been reported.

FORTY YEARS AGO

January 31, 1963 - The Mississippi Test Facility at Gainesville would get the lion's share of the \$188,627,000 sought for programs directed by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in the proposed federal budget submitted to Congress this month. Biggest item at the Mississippi Test Facility would be \$35,983,000 for the advanced Saturn first stage (S-IC) static test facilities, followed by \$19,148,000 for the advanced Saturn second stage (S-II) static test facilities. The details made public by Dr. Werner von Braun, head of the space center also includes, \$6,606,000 for the navigation lock on the East Pearl River, waterways and docking facilities, \$4,242,000 and bridge for I-10 (over Pearl River), \$4,500,000.

-Spring may be on the way if yesterday's temperatures are any indications. After shivering through sub-freezing weather most of last weekend, it was a balmy 74 early Wednesday afternoon at the U.S. Weather Bureau's station at the Mississippi Test Facility with continued mild in the offing. Temperatures reached their lowest last Thursday, dipping to 9.8 degrees about sunrise at MTF. A low of 16 was recorded Friday but the mercury managed to climb up to 45 by afternoon.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

January 30, 1953 - E.P. Kirkpatrick was elected president of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre Thursday night at the annual meeting. Other officer elected were Mrs. Rene de Montluzin, Jr., vice-president; Mr. J.W. Hill, Jr., secretary; Dr. H.M. Keefe, treasurer; Mark Solomon, stage manager; Mrs. Joanne Craft, business manager; Mrs. C.D. Blair, production chairman; and Mrs. Scott Assenheimer, assistant.

-Lakeshore, by Mrs. Malcolm Green - The donkey basketball game was canceled Friday evening due to the large amount of illness in Lakeshore. Oren Seal states the donkeys will not be available until early in February. The exact date will be given next week and we hope all who were disappointed Friday will make plans to attend.

SIXTY YEARS AGO

January 29, 1943 - All eligible members of the staff of Coast Electric Power Association (R.E.A.) have volunteered 100 per cent through the Civilian Defense Office for donations of blood for the Red Cross Blood Bank. Those volunteering are: Clifford Ferrell, Josie S. Blaize, Gladys W. Chapman, John Egloff, Arthur M. Miller, and Ernest Henley. The only R.E.A. employee not listed is because of age.

-Miss Alice Vivian Evans has received her commis-

sion as Lieutenant in the United States Nursing Corps and left Monday for Camp Shelby where she will be stationed. Miss Evans is the only daughter of Dr. and

Mrs. James Evans and is a general favorite here. She is a graduate of Bay High School and of the Touro School of Nursing in New Orleans.



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Local community leader attends Mississippi's first teen court forum

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Hancock High School Teacher Timothy Peter Baker attended Mississippi's first statewide Teen Court Forum on Friday, January 16. The event, which was sponsored by the Child Advocacy Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of The Mississippi Bar, took place at Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond. More than 150 people attended the forum, which was open to all high school teachers, principals and counselors, school superintendents, Youth Court officials, judges, attorneys, juvenile justice professionals and other community leaders who are willing to serve as resource persons. Attendees received a training video, as well as materials to help in implementing teen court in their communities. The Young Lawyers Division also provided participants with 46,000 brochures, titled "Consequences of Misconduct in School," to be handed out to students throughout the state.

The goals of the Mississippi Teen Court Forum, which was funded

by the Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts Program of the Mississippi Bar Foundation, were to introduce the state to an alternative to the formal court process, to provide a forum in which various agencies could explore how establishment of this program in their communities can help reduce juvenile recidivism, and to develop a cooperative network among area lawyers, schools, and civic organizations which will lead to the establishment of local teen courts across the state.

This cooperative network is crucial because the Teen Court program requires the cooperation of local court systems, local area attorneys, school systems, and community organizations, according to Jennifer Riley-Collins, chair of the Child Advocacy Committee.

A teen court coordinator must be identified in each area.

This person will have the responsibility of facilitating the various entities. The court will supply qualified first time juvenile offenders who have been charged.

Local attorneys will serve as teen court judges. The

school system will provide students who will serve as attorneys and jury members. Local attorneys will train students in general trial practice skills and procedures. Community organizations will assist by providing community service work sites where teens can serve the sentences.

Young Lawyers Division President Bobby Higginbotham said, "I see the role of the Young Lawyers Division as using our resources and our network of volunteer lawyers throughout the state to help promote and implement this program as a service to youth in Mississippi."

Riley-Collins, said "We are hoping through this program to bridge the gap that exists between the various organizations in an effort to provide an alternative to not only the children but the communities in which they live."

If each teen court reaches one child the volunteers will reap a return on their investment that is invaluable."

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erford, both of Bay St. Louis, and Karolina Sarnowska, Jessica Spangler and Sheryl Tassel, all of Diamondhead.

The following students are Dean's Scholars for the 2002 fall semester at Mississippi State University. Dean's list students achieved a grade-point average between 3.5 and 3.79, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of

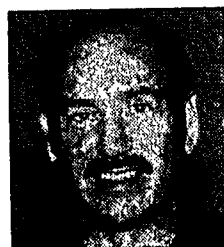
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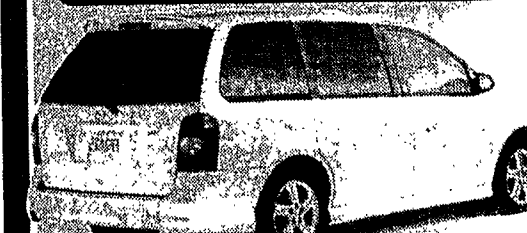


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R.A.T.S. at Gulfview



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Melissa McGraw, (foreground) of Bay Springs, and the rest of the R.A.T. Pack perform for a gym full of students at Gulfview Elementary.

Students at Gulfview Elementary in Lakeshore cheered at the arrival of a huge rat Jan. 23 in the school's gym.

The purple rat, known as Terrance, captured the students' attention with dancing and singing while teaching them the dangers of using tobacco products.

As part of the "Reject All Tobacco (R.A.T.)" program, an animated Terrance and

10 students from across Mississippi provided an educational program for the Gulfview kindergarten through fifth-graders.

Boyce Vandevere, director, and Chris Robuck, the voice of Terrance, lead the group of young people. The group included Keegan Westover, 13, Ocean Springs; Caylin Bruce, 14, Raleigh; Kristin Miller, 13, Madison; Samantha Hosey,

12, Bay Springs; Breanna Matthews, 11, Mize; Kelsey Miller, 11, Madison; Kennitra Thompson, 13, Jackson; Jasmine Barnette, 13, Heidelberg; Marquise Slaton, 16, Jackson; and Melissa McCraw, 11, Bay Springs.

For more information about the R.A.T. Pack, contact Suzanne Ellis at (601) 362-0740 or visit www.gorat.com.

Views

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When they went to take my blood pressure, the equipment was set up to take it on my left arm, (the vaccination site). We had to shift around to use my right arm. Then when the doctor came in and found out I had the vaccination, they had to leave to ask a technician to rebandage the site before they could examine me.

▲ This concern over infected clothing and what-not does have a sound basis in fact. During the 1800s, when the white man wanted to get rid of the Native Americans, they would give them blankets that had been used by people with smallpox. They killed thousands of Native Americans this way.

Bio-terrorism is not new. But why this concern now and not, as I recall, when I was younger? I suspect part of the reason is that since the bulk of the U.S. military is under the age of thirty, they have never been vaccinated! The potential for third party contamination is enormous.

But it was the diary that really got me thinking that the vaccine is different. We have to record what the site looks like, whether we have muscle aches, joint aches, chills, fever (record the temperature), a grand total of ten different reactions, plus what does the site itself look like.

Now, I could be wrong, there are several reasons for conducting a study like this. The first is that the only data they have is over thirty years old.

Second, they have indeed changed either: the vaccine, the vaccinating process, or both. A third point is that there are so many unvaccinated people, they wanted to keep a

record to prove to the general public that this is indeed safe. Which brings me to my last point, what a perfect group to study!

Think about it. The military already has everyone's health records. They know the standards of fitness. Most of the people are going forward to a rigidly controlled environment. (It has been described as a prison. Barbed wire fence, heavily armed guards (with dogs), walking, riding in vehicles, and in helicopters, patrolling the encampment.

As George C. Scott said in the movie Bank Shot, "You can run from here to the horizon and we can watch you every step of the way." While the object is to keep others out instead of us in, it accomplishes the same effect.) And finally, they know they will get accurately kept diaries back.

Today is DAY 1. I have a site that looks like a ruptured pimple with pain at the site and tenderness in the arm.

I've talked with the doctors and reread the material they passed out. This is a live vaccinia virus and is not smallpox. I do know it was the same vaccination from the 1970s and 80s.

One person I have spoken to said it was a form of cowpox; another, from the medical field, said that the procedure I described was the exact same as what they were doing in the 1980s when they stopped the vaccination here in the United States.

A third recalled that children did not take baths as frequently when we were growing up as they do now, and it was their mother's responsibility to watch out for the site.

My shirt keeps rubbing the site and caused the vascules (blisters) to rupture on the third day. The drainage continued non-stop for over an hour before blood appeared and a light scab formed. (There was not enough blood to form a complete scab. The blood clotted just enough to slow the drainage until the serum coagulated. (That's the clear part of the blood without the red blood cells.)

Today, either my shirt stuck to the site or I accidentally hit something and ripped the light scab off. It wept for about another hour before coagulating. No blood appeared so there is still no scab. The pictures in the brochure shows pus-filled blister, my is filled with blood which is why it is weeping. It could be that I still have some immunity and so this is going faster than normal.

I have the characteristic crater scar from my first vaccine, and while I cannot remember the scab, or anything else about it, I seem to recall only getting stuck once.

One person seems to recall a device that had several prongs so it only needed to be done once but the skin was broken in several places. In the handout and from the doctors is the same concern about touching the site and then touching an eye, nose, mouth, and having the vaccinia settle in and scar that area.

Since this itches, (less today than yesterday,) the question I have is; knowing kids will pick at areas that itch, why haven't we seen or heard about people with secondary infection sites?

Michael L.
Somewhere in North America

Expo

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Krewe of Hera celebrates 18th Bal Masque

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The Krewe of Hera presented its 18th annual Mardi Gras Bal Masque, "Hot! Hot! Hot!" on January 4 at the Mississippi Coast Convention Center.

Reigning over the evening's festivities were Queen Hera XVIII, Lisa McIntosh, and King Zeus XVIII, Britt Singletary.

McIntosh is the owner of Coastal Hydrograss. She and her husband, David, and their two-year-old son, Connor, reside in Gulfport.

Singletary is a partner in Singletary and Thrash Law Firm with offices in Biloxi and Jackson.

He and his wife, Tina, reside in Biloxi.

The 890th Engineer Battalion of the Mississippi Army National Guard performed presentation of colors. Ashley Grayson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brannon LeBlanc and Mr. Charles Grayson, sang the National Anthem.

The tableau began with the blowing of the Captain's whistle. Their royal majesties Queen Hera XVII, Janis Vezzoso, and King Zeus XVII, Bob McVadon, were presented along with their theme "Under Cover."

Master of Ceremonies, David Elliott, introduced the various groups of the krewe: Leslie Blackledge, Ann Cothorn, Alison Davis, Dee Kelley, Darlene Fore, Trisha Gutierrez, Sally Romero, Ginger Talley, Terri Tomsik and Courtney Webb as they performed to songs of hot Latin music choreographed by Vicki Baird.

Representing Carnivale in Rio were the officers of the Krewe of Hera: Donna O'Rourke, third vice-president; Wanda LeBlanc, second vice-president; Sherry



Queen Hera XVIII, Lisa McIntosh and King Zeus XVIII, Britt Singletary

Garrett, first vice-president; Karen Fayard, treasurer; Debbie McVadon, recording secretary; and Debbie Chatagnier, corresponding secretary. Georgie Breard, captain of the Krewe of Hera, represented Carmen Miranda.

Maids and Dukes represented various Latin countries. Maids were Angela Culbertson, Peru; Michelle Fayard, Brazil; Candy Lambert, Argentina; Michelle Ponthieux, Mexico; Wendy Landry, Cuba; and Robbie Wrigley, Puerto Rico.

Dukes were Keith Talley, Peru; George Ashbaugh, Brazil; Rick Lambert, Argentina; Gary Ponthieux, Mexico; Dr. John Tomsik, Cuba; and Mickey Bradley, Puerto Rico.

Their royal majesties, Queen Hera XVIII, Lisa McIntosh, and King Zeus XVIII, Britt Singletary, re-

resented Spain.

The queen's rich red velvet sheath with fitted sleeves featured a black holographic panel with gold mesh overlay and was accented with gold appliques, black beaded trim, Austrian crystals and rhinestone banding.

Her custom-designed crown and scepter, by Dynasty Collections, was personalized with her initials and had charms and birthstones representing members of her family.

The king's tunic of red velvet featured puff sleeves with overlay panels and was adorned with gold appliques, black beaded trim and was accented with Austrian crystals.

He also wore a custom designed crown and scepter, by Dynasty Collections, which was personalized with his initials and charms

and birthstones representing his family.

Their mantles of red velvet and inset black holographic panels were adorned with gold appliques, Austrian crystals and accented with black plumes.

The royal trains represented Spanish royalty and were of red velvet embellished with gold and black appliques.

Pages to her royal majesty, Queen Hera XVIII, were Kaitlin Annabel Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mich Bryan, and Madison Anne Russo, niece of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith.

Pages to his royal majesty, King Zeus XVIII, were Max Gabrielle Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor, and Michael Joseph Suarez, III, son of Michael Suarez, Jr. and Jerica Savoy.

Little League Softball celebrates 15 years

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Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball at Lakeshore Field will celebrate 15 years of Little League Softball in Hancock County this year.

Planning is currently underway to hold a reunion in June in recognition of the anniversary, and the league has designed a special logo patch to be worn on their uniforms.

If you played or volunteered for the league at either McDonald Field or Lakeshore Field and would like to participate in the reunion or get more details, call 467-6598.

The league will begin the 2003 season by holding player/coach/umpire registration from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the following Saturday dates:

February 8: Bay St. Louis Main St. Shell Station

February 15: Waveland Big Kmart

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Players must be between the ages of 5 and 18 and provide a birth certificate as proof of age if not already on file.

Adult volunteers must complete a volunteer application and provide a copy of approved picture identification for background check.

Registration fee is \$30 per child, and raffle tickets are available that may be

sold in lieu of fee.

Representatives from Waveland Little League will also be on hand for baseball registration.

The league will also offer a 'challenger' division this year for mentally and physically disabled children. Each child will be partnered with a player from a regular season team who will assist as necessary.

'Challenger' allows disabled children to participate in a team environment as well as enjoy a friendly, helpful atmosphere no matter how severe the disability.

The ages for this division are 5 through 21, and more details are available by calling 467-1291.

League spokesman Frank Yanok says, "The league would also like to

congratulate volunteer umpire Bruce Wilson on his selection to the volunteer 2003 World Series umpire crew.

"Mr. Wilson has been very instrumental in volunteer umpire training for Little League baseball and softball programs all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast and is the model of adult volunteerism. It is great to see him rewarded at such a high level, as he certainly worked hard to earn such an honor."

The league would also like to welcome forming Little League softball programs in D'Iberville, Woolmarket and Gulfport.

If you would like more information about Little League softball in Hancock County, call 467-4220 or 255-7828.

Trinity Episcopal features international lecturer

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Trinity Episcopal Church, Church Street at Highway 90, Pass Christian will have international lecturer and Christian Television personality, Zola Levitt as a guest speaker on Thursday, February 6, 7

p.m. Topics will be: Why do we need a Messiah?; Last Day Events; Question and Answer Session (any question, no matter what).

There is no charge to attend, but a love offering will be taken to cover Zola

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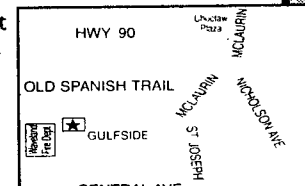
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The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park Campus has become a significant part of the Coast.

USMGC at the heart of a burgeoning Coast presence

BY CHRISTOPHER MAPP

When Shelia White was a student 25 years ago at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park campus, rumor had it that a ghost roamed one of its buildings.

Ravaged by Hurricane Camille in 1969, Hardy Hall lay in partial disrepair for almost a decade. Its third floor kept off-limits to students, faculty and staff. In such a state, it's not hard to see why Hardy Hall lent itself to flights of fancy.

"They weren't even using it then because there weren't available funds to fix it all the way up to the third floor," said White, who now serves as USMGC coordinator of public relations. "I can remember all the students used to say a ghost lived up on the third floor."

These days, any apparition would be hard-pressed to find itself a haunt on the bustling, scenic Gulf Park campus. Once a sleepy satellite location for the main university campus in Hattiesburg, Gulf Park today is a model of modern higher education set amongst a gorgeous backdrop of Old World charm.

Located in Long Beach and nestled within the ancient oaks that grace the Gulf of Mexico, USM-Gulf Park has made the transition from a degree-completion campus to one that enjoys dual status with its sister campus to the north.

Attaining dual status in 1998 was a watershed moment in Gulf Park's history as it allowed freshmen and sophomores to attend there for the first time last summer. This year, USMGC enrolled 92 freshmen. Now, the university offshoot that once only offered night courses to upper-level students has grown into an expansive 48-acre setting with an annual budget of about \$11 million, a staff and faculty of more than 200, and an enrollment of more than 1,800.

"We are pleased that the IHL Board chose to designate USM as a dual-campus university and to allow freshmen and sophomore students on the Coast," said Dr. James Williams, USM Gulf Coast vice president. "It is refreshing to see the first-year students, with all the enthusiasm they bring to campus."

As the educational needs of a swelling population in South Mississippi have increased, so too have the demands for quality higher education. Williams said the growth of Gulf Park has been directly tied to that of the Coast's, where most of the campus, students hail from three surrounding counties—Harrison, Jackson and Hancock.

"This decision to expand

obviously resulted from past growth, increasing interests and documented needs," Williams said. "This development now positions the university for substantial growth as the Gulf Coast population grows."

Beside the main Gulf Park campus, Southern Miss regularly offers courses at four locations along the Gulf Coast: the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, USMGC Keesler at Keesler Air Force Base, the Jackson County Center in Ocean Springs and the Stennis Space Center in Hancock County.

Together, all of the facilities represent an important component in the burgeoning educational complex that has become Southern Miss.

Granting 29 different bachelor's degrees, 21 master's degrees and four specialist's degrees, Gulf Park has five academic divisions: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Psychology, Health and Human Sciences, and Nursing.

One of Gulf Park's signature programs is the Culinary Arts Academy, which offers both certificate and diploma options. When the gaming industry on the Gulf Coast became the epicenter of opportunity for aspiring hotel and restaurant managers, the university logically moved the office of its Hospitality Management Program from Hattiesburg to Gulf Park.

Since 1972, when the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning first established Gulf Park as an upper-level degree completion campus, it has graduated almost 9,000 students.

The decision to allow freshmen and sophomores at Gulf Park may have been the event that cements the university's legacy on the Gulf Coast, but it wasn't the only seminal moment in its development. Before the 1989 fall term, Gulf Park only offered night classes. When that changed, so too did the nature of the campus, White said.

Funds for the Advanced Education Center came from the state Legislature, Harrison County and the five cities in the county. Other notable projects include: Parking and Infrastructure, \$1 million; Parking and Storm Drainage, \$650,000; and Electrical/Communications Infrastructure, \$500,000. The 2002-03 fiscal year budget for renovation and enhancement building projects at Gulf Park totals almost \$3.5 million.

While the campus has blossomed during the past 30 years, there is still room for more. As certain properties in the residential areas

alongside campus have become available, Gulf Park has capitalized on the opportunity for growth. White said that about 60 percent of the property on Beach Park place, a residential street near the campus, is owned by the university.

Gulf Park owns 10 acres adjacent to a set of baseball fields near the campus, which the university also recently acquired.

"We are hemmed in just a little, but with the purchase of the ball fields on the west side (of campus), there is a lot of room for growth," White said.

"It is important as property along there becomes available that we buy them so we could have access to the 10 acres on the other side."

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For more than 38 years, the world has watched Osmond develop from a cherubic little boy singing on TV with his older brothers to a seasoned performer who always has the power to amaze.

His first appearance was on TV's The Andy Williams Show on December 10, 1963, one day after his sixth birthday. Pop music has gone through seismic changes in the intervening years, and Donny has moved with the times.

By the time he was a teenager he had become one of the most popular and successful stars in the history of pop music. In the 1970s, between his own and the Osmond Brothers recordings, he was awarded 18 gold records. With his brothers, he enjoyed a No. 1 hit with "One Bad Apple" and such blockbusters as "Yo-Yo" and "Down By the Lazy River." On his own, Osmond

hit No. 1 with "Go Away Little Girl," and made the top 10 with "Hey Girl" and memorable covers of Paul Anka's "Puppy Love," Roy Orbison's "Sweet and Innocent" and Johnny Mathis' "The Twelfth of Never."

In the 1980s, he spent several years honing his talents as performer and producer, working with the likes of Jeff Beck, Boy George and Chicago. In 1987, Peter Gabriel invited him to record at his studio in Bath, England. The resulting demos recharged Osmond's recording career, catching fire with the release in 1989 of "Soldier of Love."

Generating new heat in his singing career, he took another important creative step and began taking acting classes. Without realizing it, he was preparing for one of the greatest successes of his entire career, a Canadian and U.S. tour in the title role of

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Sir Tim Rice's musical "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Although he would have to put everything else on hold, the calculated risk turned into a rewarding, triumphant six-year association. To date, the Joseph original cast recording is quadruple platinum in

Canada and recently went gold in the U.S. Last year, the film version of the musical, starring Donny, premiered to stellar ratings on PBS's Great Performances series.

With his sister Marie, Donny had a third wave of hit records and enjoyed yet another kind of success co-hosting a weekly variety TV series.

Donny returned to TV in 1998 with Marie, co-hosting the daytime talk show *Donny and Marie* that enjoyed solid ratings for two seasons. He also released several new albums, including his most recent "Somewhere In Time," that went platinum in just eight days.

Now 45 years old, Donny has been married to his wife Debbie for 25 years, and is also the father of five boys, ranging from 24-year-old Don Jr. to 5-year-old Joshua. Don't miss Donny Osmond at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis February 7 & 8 at 9 p.m. Must be 21.



Donny Osmond

Lou Rawls will highlight Valentine's Day at Magic

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